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**Happy Easter!** — Wilson School kindergartner Jessica Travis, left, pounces on a cluster of plastic eggs hidden beside a tree in front of the school while her classmate Kristina Dennison fills her basket. The girls were participating in an Easter Egg hunt held the last day before Easter Break. The school's second-graders hid the eggs for the kindergarten to find.

(Staff photo by JOHN FRESI)

## Decision time Voters head for the polls Tuesday

By Bob Slate  
Staff writer

Tri-Cities area voters have several important decisions to make at the ballot box this week.

Voters across the community will elect mayors, aldermen and trustees, township officials, and representatives to park and library boards.

**GRANITE CITY** — Voters in Granite City will elect a mayor, city clerk and treasurer, eight aldermen who will also serve as trustees on the town board, a township supervisor, and assessor.

Paul Ray Bowler, Dewey Melton and David Partney are challenging incumbent Mayor Ron Seip in his quest for a second consecutive term in the city's highest office.

Incumbent City Clerk Judy Whitaker faces a test from Scott Wilson and incumbent City Treasurer Gail Valle is being challenged by former alderman Jim Miller.

Alderman Bob Shipley and businessman Dan McGuire are seeking the township supervisor's post currently

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held by Bernie Hagnauer, the widow of long-time supervisor and County Board Chairman Nellie Hagnauer. Incumbent Township Assessor Darlene Laub is unopposed.

Eight aldermen — two in the 6th Ward and one each of the remaining six wards — are to be elected in the city.

Incumbent 1st Ward Alderman Casmer Skubish and incumbent 7th Ward Alderman Kim Affolter are unopposed in their re-election bids.

In the 2nd Ward, incumbent Craig Tarpoff is opposed by Sam Koney.

Incumbent Nick Petrillo and newcomers Marilyn Matsko and John Kabbendian are seeking the 3rd Ward aldermanic seat.

Four candidates are running in the 4th Ward: incumbent Foster Frederick, former alderman Emerald Dawes, and newcomers Tim Vaughan and Larry Rudder.

Incumbent 5th Ward Alderman Eddie Asadorian faces a challenge from five other candidates: Jerry Jackson, Larry Blackwell, Michael Patton, Vanessa Vargo and James Bailey Sr.

Two candidates are seeking the four-year seat available in the 6th Ward — incumbent Alan Crider and challenger John Petish Jr.

Three candidates are seeking the other two-year term in the 6th Ward. They are incumbent (See VOTERS, Page 10A)

## Two trustees arrested in letter brouhaha

By Michelle Duell  
Staff writer

As the April 1 election approaches in Pontoon Beach, politics are taking a nasty turn — at least for incumbent trustee candidate Mike Macek, who is seeking another term on the Pontoon Beach Village Board of Trustees.

Macek was arrested Thursday evening after resident Ron Shafer filed a harassment complaint against him for allegedly allowing Trustee Randy Presswood to call him from his home.

According to a copy of the misdemeanor complaint, Shafer charged that Macek "knowingly permitted Presswood to make harassing phone calls for the sole intent to harass and threaten Ron Shafer at 3710 Highway 111 (Shafer's address)."

In addition, Presswood was

"It's just unbelievable. It's political. I think it strikes of character assassination."

— Gus Falter  
Trustee

arrested and charged with a misdemeanor for allegedly placing the call.

Both Presswood and Macek must now appear May 8 before the Circuit Court of the Third Judicial Circuit in Madison County to contest the charges.

Macek said he was "in his garage" at the time the call was made and "didn't even know" that Presswood was making the call. Macek's garage is separate from his house, which rests on property

(See LETTER, Page 10A)

## Egg-cellent Lucky brothers to split prize

By Bob Slate  
Staff writer

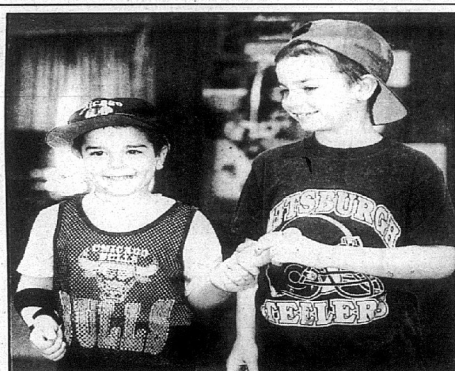
Two Granite City brothers, ages 5 and 6, will split the \$225 prize in the Granite City Press-Record/Journal Great Easter Egg Hunt contest.

Caleb Bailey, 5, and his brother Josh, 6, both students at Frohardt Elementary School, found the prized egg at about 1 p.m. Thursday at Horseshoe Lake State Park.

"We were getting ready to leave when the boys spotted it," said Stephanie Bailey, the boys' mother. Their father, Willie, also helped.

Thursday was the day the last clue in the month-long contest appeared.

The egg was located in a (See EGG, Page 10A)



Caleb and Josh Bailey with the egg. (Staff photo by JOHN FRESI)

## Chief refutes flier

By Bob Slate  
Staff writer

Granite City Police Chief Dave Ruebhausen and aldermen Bob Shipley and Nick Petrillo say a flier being distributed in the city's 3rd Ward is alarmist and inaccurate in its depiction of the city's lack of action at known drug houses and other property.

"I take exception to this," Ruebhausen told the City Council Tuesday night. "If they have knowledge of drug houses, they should bring it to my attention. I'm surprised I haven't heard from these people."

The flier in question is signed by former 3rd Ward Aldermen Paul Fisk and Andy Timko. It states that alderman candidate Marilyn Matsko, coordinator of the East Granite Neighborhood Watch, has kept a constant watch on known drug houses "to protect you and your families."

Shipley said he received the flier at his home and had a number of inquiries about its contents from alarmed residents of the 3rd Ward.

Ruebhausen said the flier concerned him because it is not within the scope of a neighbor (See FLIER, Page 10A)

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**5 TOWNS**  
John Fuller, Meteorologist, KSDK-NewsChannel 5

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
59 38	64 43	67 50	61 44

## Readers offered chance to win prizes

The Suburban Journals is marking the season by offering readers a chance to participate in a Spring Fling Sweepstakes.

Those who become a voluntary Journal subscriber automatically will be entered in the sweepstakes with an opportunity to win a \$5,000 shopping spree at Venture or a big screen TV from Best Buy.

There also will be 10 winners of a set of passes to the Riverport Amphitheater, 10 winners of a one-year video package from Blockbuster Video and 250 winners of four tickets to see a St. Louis Cardinals baseball game.

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For a \$10 voluntary subscription, readers will receive a Suburban Journals sports pack, in addition to entry into the sweepstakes.

In addition to the large sweepstakes prizes, there also will be drawings each Friday in April and May for 100 additional prizes, including Cardinal tickets, coffee mugs, tote bags (See FLING, Page 10A)

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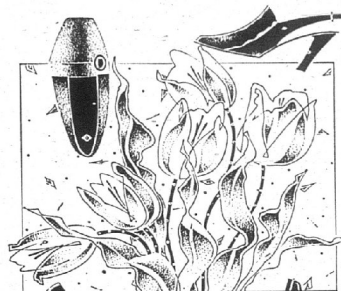
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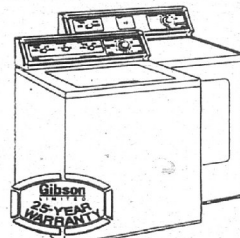
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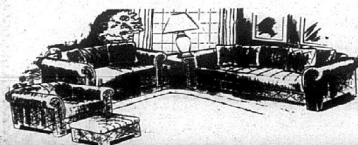
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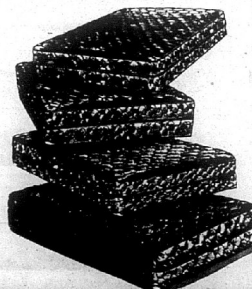
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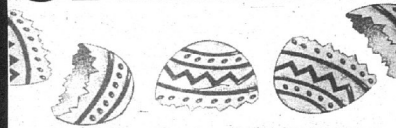
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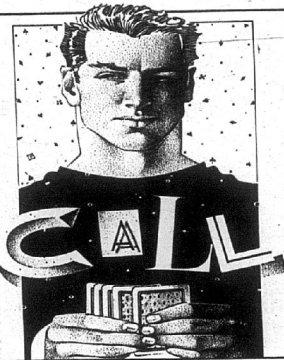
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## Obituaries

## Few, George Erwin

GEORGE ERWIN FEW, 47, of East Alton, formerly of Granite City, died at 2:10 p.m. Friday, March 28, 1997, at his residence. He was born Sept. 24, 1949, in Fort Bragg, N.C.

Mr. Few was a member of St. John United Church of Christ in Granite City.

Survivors include his father, Daryl B. Few, and his mother, Hildagard M. (Klosterhuber) Few, both of Granite City; one brother, Michael V. Few of Glen Carbon, and his caretaker and friend, Nicki Akers. He was preceded in death by one brother, Daryl Lamar Few.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road, Granite City. Services are scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 1, at St. John United Church of Christ, 2801 Nameoki Road, Granite City, with the Revs. Dale Mann and Walter Martinez officiating. Burial will be at St. John Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to St. John United Church of Christ in Granite City or Tri-City Area Association for the Handicapped.

Clemons, Peyton Elizabeth

PEYTON ELIZABETH CLEMONS was stillborn at 3:04 p.m. Wednesday, March 26, 1997, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

Survivors include her parents, Michael R. Clemons and Rochelle Brewer, both of Granite City; maternal grandparents, Kendall and Mollie Beck and David and Joann Brewer all of Granite City; maternal great-grandparents, Michael and Betty Ropac of Granite City and Robert Brewer of Granite City; paternal grandparents, Raymond and Julie Clemons of Sturgis, Mich., and paternal grandparents, Sophia Clemons of Madison and Barbara Rose of Granite City.

She was preceded in death by maternal great-grandmother Janet Brewer.

Graveside services were held Saturday, March 29, at St. John Cemetery with the Rev. Dr. Lewis Trotter officiating.

Memorials are suggested to the family.

Arrangements were handled by Davis Funeral Home, 21st and Cleveland, Granite City.

Diak, William "Bill" Joseph Sr.

WILLIAM "BILL" JOSEPH DIAK

SR. 59, of Granite City died at 6:02 a.m. Thursday, March 27, 1997, at St. Louis University Medical Center where he had been patient since March 16. He was born Dec. 10, 1937, in Granite City and had been a lifetime resident.

Mr. Diak, a U.S. Army veteran, had been employed by Anchor Bolt Company in St. Louis for two years as a machinist. He was a former member of St. Joseph Church and member of Madison Amvets Post 204 and Croatian Fraternal Union Lodge 222.

Survivors include two daughters, Sandra Travis of Granite City and Karen Wohlschlag of Overland, Mo.; one son, William J. Diak Jr. of Hopkinsville, Ky.; his mother, Mary (Macko) Diak; one brother, Steve Diak of Madison; one sister, Dolores Streckfus of Arnold, Mo.; and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Steven Diak.

Visitation will be from 3-8 p.m. Monday at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road, Granite City. Services are scheduled for 9:15 a.m. Tuesday, April 1, 1997, at Irwin's Maryville Road Chapel. Burial will be at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis.



## And they're off!

Above, Wilson School kindergartners rush forward to get the most eggs in their baskets, at the beginning of an Easter Egg hunt held the last day before Easter Break. The school's second graders hid the eggs for the kindergartners to find. At right, Niedringhaus School kindergartner Aaron Parente shows Coolidge Middle School eighth grader Scott Bowers his haul from the egg hunt held on Wilson Park Baseball Diamond 1 on the last day of school before Easter Break. The eighth graders at Coolidge hid the eggs and each guided a kindergarten buddy from Niedringhaus around for the hunt.



(Staff photos by JOHN FRES)

## Dental Implant Clinic marks opening at SIUE

EDWARDSVILLE — The new state-of-the-art Dental Implant Clinic officially opened Wednesday at SIUE's University Park with five officials snipping a white ribbon laced across its glass front doors.

Inside the sparkling 8,000-square-foot clinic, staff members from the Southern Illinois University School of Dental Medicine proudly showed off a large surgery room and two smaller ones, a suite of four plush dental chairs for patient examinations and routine dental work, a research lab and conference rooms.

"It's part of a much bigger development in our region — America's Center for Technology. Where we are standing today — University Park — is the eastern portion of the greater St. Louis technology corridor. This project is the latest in the St. Louis area's long tradition of advancing technology," said SIUE Chancellor Nancy Belch, who marveled at how the project was completed on deadline in just a matter of months.

The Retko Group, a Highland-based agency owned by Korte Construction Co., built the \$800,000 clinic. Retko is leasing the land from

the university, but it owns the building. The university, in turn, is leasing clinic space from Retko.

The dedication drew about 100 officials and visitors to a tour of the only such clinic in the Midwest and one of just eight in the United States.

The clinic, at 195 University Park Drive, is the fifth building in the business research park on the eastern edge of campus.

Patrick Ferrillo, dean of the School of Dental Medicine, said the clinic fills three important functions that are missions of the university: education, research and service to the community, so implants will be readily available to Southern Illinoisans.

My hope is in the next few years, people who need this will find this readily accessible," Ferrillo said.

University President Ted Sanders said the clinic will give SIUE dental school graduates the opportunity to continue their education locally.

"It also enhances the image of SIU as she better serves the citizens of Southern Illinois," he said.

— From The Telegraph



Joyful noise — Above left, Morning Star Baptist Church Choir member Christopher Johnson, 10, gives a heartfelt performance during a recent Gospel Fest held at Belleville Area College's Granite City Campus. The Morning Star Baptist Church is located in Brooklyn. Nearly a



dozen local choirs participated in the event, which was sponsored by BAC's Minority Transfer Center. Above right, Madison residents Ann Ervin, left, and Sharon Ramsey, along with other members of the Bible Way Deliverance Church Choir, belt out a tune.

## Milestones

Doyle Wesley Pinnon celebrates his 61st birthday today, March 30.

Vanessa Vangel celebrates her 17th birthday today, March 30.

Derek J. Penrod will celebrate his 17th birthday March 31.

Steve Barrow will celebrate his 25th birthday March 31.

Tracey Arnold will celebrate her 25th birthday April 1.

Gerald Hughes will celebrate his 25th birthday April 1.

Adrean Rains Jr. will celebrate a birthday April 1.

Stella Bush will celebrate

her 52nd birthday April 1.

Tara Tullock will celebrate her 16th birthday April 1.

Jane Knight will celebrate her 59th birthday April 1.

Jackson Thomas Derr will celebrate his 1st birthday April 1.

Nicole Lynn Cripps will celebrate her 14th birthday April 2.

John and Carmen Bridick will celebrate their anniversa-

ry April 2.

Janice (Kramer) Myatt will celebrate her birthday April 2.

Barbara L. Barr will celebrate her 55th birthday April 2.

Cliffie Buchholz will celebrate his 67th birthday April 3.

Jason Thompson will celebrate his 13th birthday April 3.

Jesse Gribble will celebrate her 11th birthday April 3.

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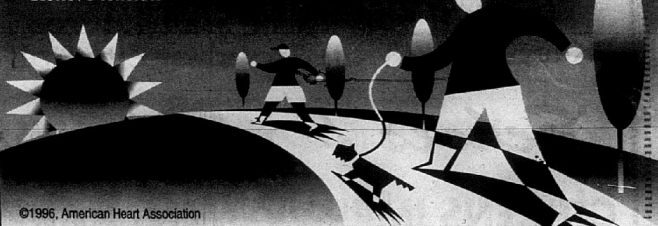
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## Tax tips Rental properties can cause tax confusion

The Internal Revenue Service gets many questions about rental property.

Perhaps, the areas that cause the most confusion are repairs and improvements, and how to handle depreciation.

Here is a quick overview of rental property, but more detailed information can be found in Publication 527, Residential Rental Property.

Rental income and expenses are shown on Schedule E, Supplemental Income and Loss. Rental income is any payment you receive for the use or occupation of property.

You generally must show all amounts received as rent in the year you receive them, regardless of the period covered or the method of accounting you use.

This includes advance rent and security deposits that will be used as final-rent payments.

If you keep part or all of a security deposit, the amount you keep must be included in your income for that year.

Generally, you deduct rental

expenses in the year you pay or incur them.

You can deduct ordinary and necessary expenses for managing, conserving or maintaining rental property from the time you make it available for rent.

The types of expenses you can deduct include advertising, janitor and maid service, utilities, fire and liability insurance, taxes, interest, commissions for the collection of rent, and ordinary and necessary travel and transportation.

You can also deduct the cost of repairs that you make to your rental property.

However, you can't deduct the cost of improvements. You recover the costs of improvements through depreciation.

Keep separate and accurate records of both the costs of repairs and improvements.

A repair keeps your property in good operating condition. It doesn't materially add to the value of your property or substantially prolong its life.

Replacing your property inside and out, fixing gutters or floors, fixing leaks, plastering and replacing broken windows are examples of repairs.

However, if these types of repairs are part of an extensive remodeling or restoration of your property, the whole job is an improvement.

An improvement adds to the

value of the property, prolongs its useful life, or adapts it to new uses.

Putting a recreation room in an unfinished basement, paneling a room, adding a bathroom or bedroom, putting decorative grillwork on a balcony, erecting a fence, installing new plumbing, wiring or cabinets, putting on a new roof, and paving a driveway are examples of improvements.

When you use your property to produce income, you're allowed to recover some or all of what you paid for the property and improvements through tax deductions.

However, you can't simply deduct your mortgage or principal payments as an expense.

Instead, you depreciate the property over a period of years.

The main factors in determining how much depreciation you can deduct are your basis in the property and the recovery period of the property.

You can only deduct depreciation on the part of your property used for rental purposes.

The amount of depreciation you deduct, or were entitled to deduct, reduces your basis for figuring gain or loss if you later sell or exchange the property.

All rental activities are generally considered passive activity

and therefore losses can only be offset against passive income.

However, if your rental losses are less than \$25,000, or if you materially participate in the rental real estate activity, you may be able to offset regular income with these losses.

If you rent property that you also use as your home for less than 15 days during the tax year, or if you sometimes use your rental property for personal purposes, there are some special rules you should check into.

Most publications on rental property are available through the IRS Homepage on the Internet. Or call 1-800-829-3676 to have them sent to your home.

The best time to call is early in the morning and later in the week.

### Durbin pledges tax legislation

Saying it's time to put corporations and the self-employed on equal tax footing, U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin said he will introduce legislation to make health insurance premiums for the self-employed 100 percent deductible.

He said he will offer the bill when the Senate reconvenes the week of April 7.

"A 100 percent deduction for health insurance premiums can reduce the net cost of health insurance for a farm family or small business owner by as much as \$500 to \$1,000," Durbin said.

### \*VOTE AND RE-ELECT FOSTER "FREDDIE" FREDERICK\*

WHY?

Alderman Frederick has been involved in infrastructure improvements in the 4th Ward totaling approximately \$4,000,000. The expenditures include sewer breaks in 1993-1997, community development repairs, I.C.C. and railroad funding and sewer treatment funding.

The accomplishments listed above do not include the repair of streets, sidewalks, curbs, removal of trees and leaves and the installation of street lights while saving \$35,000 per year on the city electric bill.

All the accomplishments in the Ward have been without new taxes! Freddie has returned all calls and when getting the job done required, he has personally met with city and state department heads. Freddie pledges to improve living conditions for all residents of Granite City, strive for economy in government and work for the fair and adequate representation of the residents of the 4th Ward.

He has served as Alderman of the 4th Ward with service on the Finance Committee, Street and Alley Committee and Chairman of the Traffic and Light Committee.

Involved in the T.I.F. district for Granite City Steel; which makes viability of hundreds of jobs for their employees.

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PUNCH # 45**

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1. Wage a stronger battle to eradicate drugs and violence in our community.
2. Step up our efforts to rid the community of derelict and unsafe buildings.
3. Work in concert with Eagles Nest Homes Inc. of Illinois to build new homes in Venice to help our eroding tax base.
4. Work with the International Raceway General Manager & RCGA to rehab the west side of the McKinley Bridge.
5. Work diligently with the Tri-City Port District on the Southport Project which will expand into Venice to the tune of \$15-\$20 million and thereby producing 60 to 70 jobs.
6. Begin work on annexation into St. Clair County that will enable Venice to be a key player in the economic development in the area around the Raceway.
7. Continue to upgrade our Police and street departments.

This administration has the "Know How", the "Know Who", the "Know Where" and the "Know When". We pledge a relentless effort to achieve, but we need your trust, your support and your vote on April 1.

**PLEASE DO NOT PUT OUR FUTURE IN THE HANDS OF A NOVICE!**

I thank you in advance for your support in the past and in the future.

Sincerely,

Tyrone Echols  
Mayor

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Young at Heart meets and eats



**College for a day** — Madison High School student Vondae Walker, left, gets a taste of college as he sits in on a class with Belleville Area College student Dante McCottrill of Granite City. McCottrill is a mentor in a BAC Minority Transfer Center program in which high school students shadow college students for a day. The goal is to get more high school students interested in continuing their education after graduating from high school.

Seventy-one Young at Heart senior members and guests of the Holy Family Catholic Church enjoyed a corned beef, ham and cabbage dinner on March 17.

President Irma Manning welcomed Young at Heart members. Father Fisher led the group in prayer. Irma Manning led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Guests were Father Fisher, Father Wise, Sister Jean Patrick and Sister Mary Alice.

Minutes of the February meeting were read by the recording secretary, Cleola Siebert, followed by the treasurer's report given by Cecelia Mance. Corresponding secretary, Ann Kovach, reported receiving a thank you card from Marie Szynek for the sympathy card she received. A thank you card was also received from Mary Alice Beardslee, Area Director of Catholic Charities, for the baby shower items given to the organization. Friendship chairperson, Mary Rita Ahlers,



Young at Heart members and guests at a recent meeting/dinner.

reported sending get well cards to Ernie Wood, Jean Francis and Mary Venorsky. A sympathy card was sent to Marie Szynek due to the death of her grandson, David Duffin. A birthday card was sent to Winifred Kelly on her 90th birthday.

Membership chairperson Connie McGee reported 71

members and guests in attendance.

Birthdays celebrated in March were Sister Jean Patrick, Cleola Siebert, Frances Pelate, George Yevin, Aileen Pirtle, Cathy Wiese and Mattie Sotiroff.

Manning reported a trip to the Alton Belle is scheduled for Tuesday, April 15. This is a morning trip with breakfast and a two-hour cruise. The

cost has been changed to \$2 per person. Bus will leave the church parking lot at 7:15 a.m. Cut-off date for reservations is April 7.

Another trip is scheduled for Thursday, May 15, on the Goldenrod. The price of \$24 includes transportation, buffet lunch and the stage show, "Oklahoma." Bus will leave the church parking lot at 11:15 a.m. Cut-off date for reservations is May 5.

Attendance prizes were won by Bill Zinn, Marge Siebert, Frances Pelate, Evelyn Richardson, Dorothy McKinney, Al Mance, Virginia Unfried and Mattie Sotiroff.

After the meeting, the Young at Heart members were entertained by Jan Warren's Line Dancers (Slappers).

The next monthly meeting will be a soup and chili meal. For those members who don't bring soup or chili a \$3 fee will be charged.

The next monthly meeting will begin with a soup and chili meal at 6 p.m. and the meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 21, in the church community center.

## Students participate in county band festival

On Saturday, Feb. 15, 1997, selected students of the Coolidge and Grigsby Middle Schools and the Granite City Grade School Band attended the Madison County Junior High and Elementary Band Festival.

Selected students from all over Madison County were chosen by their directors to form one honors band at the junior high level and one honors band at the elementary level. These students participated in rehearsal during the day on Saturday and performed a concert on Saturday evening. Guest conductors for the event were Richard Rodgers and James Cochran.

The following students represented Coolidge Middle School, under the direction of Wyatt Roberts: Laurie Spurlock, Linda Roberts, Robin Hartman and Ronnie Morlen, clarinet; Tiffany Thick and Abby Barnett, alto sax; Brandon Rollins, tenor sax; Ryan Herman, trumpet; Lauren Coppedge, French horn; Jonathan Vorce, baritone; Adam Stevens, tuba; and Jeremy Nighossian and Cody Anderson, percussion.

Students representing Grigsby Middle School under the direction of Dennis Meyer were: Erin Hull and Francie Davis, flute; Ron Wilkinson, bassoon; Tom Jones and Christina Fisher, clarinet; Sara Lancaster, alto sax; Brandy Gant, tenor sax; Rodney Carter, baritone sax; Darren Young and Sarah Detwiller, trumpet; Ashley Connolly, French horn; Jonathan Hedge, trombone; and Denise Mueller, percussion.

The following students represented the Granite City Grade School Band, under the direction of Mary Ann Davis: Alexandra Batios, Sami Goldenberg, Vanessa Imboden and Sarah Smith, flute; Katie Laub, Laura Lenzel, Kelli Comer and Ashlee Fuller, clarinet; Candace Bonvicino, bass clarinet; Matt Gergen and Andrew Skoklo, alto sax; Nathan Fischer, tenor sax; Mark Ledbetter, Derek Sano, Joshua Bracamontes and Laura Owen, trumpet; Kelly Meyer, Stephanie Pugh and James Gauen, French horn; Shelly Smith, trombone; Katie Robbins, baritone; and Monica Morrison, percussion.

**"Give Our Children A Break... Drive Carefully And Save Lives!"**

## LAN seeking funding proposals

The Madison County Child and Adolescent Local Area Network (LAN) is seeking requests for proposals from Madison County schools and non-profit organizations who wish to seek funding for the development or enhancement of programs for youth and their families.

Grants ranging from \$100 to \$6,000 will be awarded for a total of \$22,000. An application form can be obtained by contacting Chestnut Health Systems in Maryville at 288-3548. Proposals are due April 16.

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Hello my name is Gregory K. Gardner. I am running for Township Highway Commissioner. I have worked very hard in our community by participating in the following areas:

**President, Concerned Citizens of Eagle Park**  
 • Worked with Madison County Police Department for more police protection  
 • Worked with the City of Madison to ensure quality fire protection  
 • Worked to help clean up vacant lots and condemned houses

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**PUNCH #113 ON APRIL 1ST!!!**

From the desk of  
 Mayor Ronald L. Selph

Dear Fellow Citizen:

Thank you for the support you've shown me throughout this campaign.

The encouragement I've received as I walked your neighborhoods has been heartwarming.

I would also like to thank the hundreds of volunteers who have dedicated so much of their time to my re-election. And, thank everyone who allowed me to put a sign in their yard.

I ask one more favor of you...that you go to the polls Tuesday and vote to help me continue our great City's progress.

Sincerely,

*Ron Selph*



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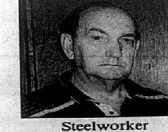
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Mayor Ron Selph signs Streetworkers contract while Labor representatives look on



## Financial focus

Investors should be responsible

Responsibility means being accountable for your own actions. When it comes to investing, it's especially important to understand responsibility.

Numerous state and federal agencies exist to help protect investors. The securities industry polices its members through the listed stock exchanges, the National Association of Securities Dealers, the Securities Industry Association and more. Violators are promptly disciplined with meaningful fines and penalties. Yet all these safeguards do not absolve investors of the responsibility to protect their own investments.

Today, more than ever, investors must recognize this responsibility. Why is this so important today? The stock market has enjoyed one of the longest and most profitable advances in modern history. Many investors have been rewarded as they may never be again.

However, good times like these pave the way for con artists offering a variety of investment scams.

For example, the Associated Press recently reported that a Louisiana woman pleaded guilty to bilking 10 people out of more than \$300,000 in an investment scam.

Her victims were all out-of-state investors who voluntarily sent large sums of money to her. They had never met her — because she promised to buy them mutual funds. The woman kept the money and never bought any funds.

Crimes such as this occur every day. The only thing unusual about this one is the fact the woman was caught. The victims will probably never see the money they lost.

The woman faces a possible 30-year prison sentence on six counts of mail fraud, but that's of little comfort to the people whose money she took. The unfortunate people learned responsibility the hard way.

More and more people are being approached by strangers offering investments. These "salespeople" obtain names (and an alarming amount of personal information) from computer databases and make their deals over the phone.

As I have said many times in this column, never invest with an individual or a company you have not researched. A competent financial professional should get to know you in person, want to establish a long-term relationship and have your best interests at heart.

The first step in being responsible is to invest only with someone you know and trust — never with a stranger.

(This column is provided by Jeff Frosser of Edward D. Jones.)

## Letters

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city business. They know they get paid. The city's credit rating is excellent.

Another point that the (candidate) should understand is that this administration and the past administration have preferred to obtain low-interest government agency loans at a 3 percent interest rate as opposed to issuing bonds at 5 to 9 percent. There are no bond issuances planned for the future.

The (candidate) was also never promised delivery of the audits, as he stated. Final release of the financial report rests with the public accountants. Statements of hopeful availability do not equate to promises.

Another candidate was accurate when he stated that all we had to do was turn over the financial records to the public accountants and they would prepare the financial reports themselves. Although this is the customary practice, my office is saving at a minimum \$14,000 a year in doing the work ourselves and before the flood of 1993 available time permitted these reports must be filed on a timely basis.

As to Mr. Partney's request to see an "audit" before the election, the first of the three financial reports being prepared — this one completed — was mailed to his home Thursday.

Candidate Bowler also stated that the comparable city of

Alton had a flood too and that their financial reports were prepared on time.

Besides our reimbursement for sandbagging, water distribution and debris removal, the city of Granite City suffered 74 sewer breaks in 1993, 46 in 1996 and 12 so far identified in 1997. The city of Alton had four or five sewer breaks in 1993, zero in 1995 and zero in 1996.

Alton has their financial reports timely published. Granite City has \$4 million in disaster assistance for sewer breaks.

K.P. MacTaggart  
City Comptroller

### Chief takes exception to ad

TO THE EDITOR:

In a recent paid ad, Mr. Dan McGuire listed numerous public officials and quotes made by them, giving the illusion of endorsements for Mr. McGuire. These quotes were originally done in 1994 in support of a non-profit organization for kids, but now have been taken entirely out of context to further Mr. McGuire's political aspirations.

I was very surprised to see my name and photo in this ad. I cannot speak for the other officials, but the use of my name and photo was done without my knowledge or consent and I don't appreciate this underhanded tactic by Mr.

McGuire. I have my doubts if the other officials are actually endorsing Mr. McGuire, not to mention Frank Sinatra (his photo appears in the ad) who I seriously doubt has an interest in this race.

Now for the record I wholeheartedly support Bob Shipley for township supervisor and have been on his election committee from its inception. Bob Shipley has been a good friend to me for over 20 years. I know Bobby to be a caring person committed to public service. The citizens he will serve as township supervisor could not ask for a better choice to carry on the legacy of Mr. Hagnauer.

Dave Ruebhausen  
Police Chief  
Granite City

### Early spaying not cruel

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing in response to a March 16 letter that was against early spaying and neutering of animals.

Early age spaying and neutering has been thoroughly studied and found to be safe and beneficial for animals as young as six to eight weeks. The procedure allows for decreased operative time and more rapid recovery, which means less stress on the animals.

The Humane Society of the United States and the American Humane Association endorse early age spaying and neutering. The American Veterinary Medical Association has endorsed the procedures for as young as eight weeks. Area veterinarians Dr. Linda Beisswenger, Dr. Phillip Wagenecht and Dr. Larry Davis are some of the vets who do a great service to the community by practicing early age spaying and neutering.

There are many benefits associated with early age spaying and neutering, such as longer life for the animals, less chance of certain cancers, and decreased incidence of genetic disorders. Early age spaying and neutering also helps address the very critical problem of pet overpopulation. Too many irresponsible pet owners do not have their animals altered and allow them to have litter after litter of puppies and kittens that will have no homes.

The Madison County Humane Society is acting humanely, responsibly, and in the best interest of all animals by endorsing and practicing early age spaying and neutering.

JILL WAGENBLAST  
Executive Director  
Madison County Humane Society

## Endorse

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led by mayoral candidate and City Clerk Bill Weidner, includes former Alderman Dick George as a candidate for clerk and aldermanic candidates Tom Voloski, Norma Belloff, Irene Hackett-Orr and Beulah Williams.

Madison is fortunate to have so many qualified candidates seeking positions of leadership. Four years ago, many observers would have written off Madison as a city of "past glory." But the accomplishments of the past few years — namely the development of Gateway International Raceway, the Old Chain of Rocks Bridge and the

tax increment finance district — have revitalized the city. It holds the promise of once again becoming the jewel of the Metro East.

That promise is the result of creativity and the willingness for kids, but now have been taken entirely out of context to further Mr. McGuire's political aspirations. I was very surprised to see my name and photo in this ad. I cannot speak for the other officials, but the use of my name and photo was done without my knowledge or consent and I don't appreciate this underhanded tactic by Mr.

coff, lead the city into the 21st century and return Madison to its glory days.

Elect John Hamm, Sharon Cass, Eleanor Armour, Ron Grzywacz, Mike Vrabec and Kelvin Gardner in Madison.

### Pontoon Beach

Until leaders in Pontoon Beach can put aside factionalism and petty bickering, the village will not realize its potential. Located at a major crossroads, Pontoon Beach should be growing by leaps and bounds. But the inability of leaders to get along has slowed progress to a crawl and development seems to be

passing over the village.

Nonetheless, some of the existing officials have shown that they have the ability to move the village forward. Mike Macke and Bob Abel — although on opposite ends of the political spectrum — have proved to be leaders who can get the job done. Newcomer Scott Oney is a man of honesty who we think will vote his conscience and not be a pawn to the power-brokers.

Elect Mike Macke, Bob Abel and Scott Oney as trustees in Pontoon Beach.

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## WHAT PROGRESS?

In the Selph Administration

Recently, the current mayor mailed and passed fliers touting the progress under his administration. Consider the facts.....

FACT: American Steel reopened March 2, 1993

FACT: Ron Selph took office May, 1993

FACT: The real leadership to facilitate the reopening was done by Von Dee Cruise and Nellie Hagnauer. **WHAT PROGRESS BY THE SELPH ADMINISTRATION?**

FACT: APAC opened recently to bring 100 jobs here. Neither the Mayor nor his economic director had any contact with APAC until the Press Conference announcing that APAC was opening here. **WHAT PROGRESS?**

FACT: NESTLE closed shop and moved out. Loss of 250 jobs. **WHAT PROGRESS?**

FACT: Illinois Power moved out. Loss of 200 jobs. **WHAT PROGRESS?**

FACT: Transition from owner occupied housing to significant rental base. Continued decline of the community. Section eight housing follows. **WHAT PROGRESS?**

FACT: IN DEFIANCE OF STATE LAW no outside audit was done since Ron Selph took office. **WHAT PROGRESS?**

FACT: Because of this defiance and neglect the city has lost its bond rating. Will cost the taxpayers extra dollars. **WHAT PROGRESS?**

FACT: No outside audit means opportunity for mistakes and mischief. **WHAT PROGRESS?**

FACT: Outside auditors should furnish their own manpower even if our CPAs were doing other things. That's no excuse for not having an outside audit done. **WHAT PROGRESS?**

FACT: City taxpayers are paying the former economic development director \$20,000 plus expenses to define the city's FOURTH TIF district. Could it be because the current economic development director, the runner up in the last mayor's race, doesn't know how? Even though you the taxpayers are paying him nearly \$50,000. **WHAT PROGRESS?**

FACT: Thermal Imaging Helmets cost about \$25,000 each. Mayor Selph says we don't need the city sticker money, (about \$85,000). Why don't we use that money to buy one for each fire truck? Your life could depend on it. **WHAT PROGRESS?**

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## •Flier

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horhood watch group to take the law into their hands.

"We have made several arrests and closed down some known drug houses in East Granite over the last six to eight months and I believe they've been well documented in the newspaper," Ruebhausen said. "We don't have hoodlums and we don't have people standing on the street peddling drugs."

"This flier says the city has done nothing and that's not true."

The flier in question also claims that Matsko managed to get the National Guard to clean up a house after "the city did nothing."

How to help our environment by  
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Where Beautiful Things Begin

The 27th anniversary of Earth Day will be upon us in a few short weeks. Back in April of 1970, demonstrations were commonplace. And on the 22nd, when scores of people around the country held an anti-pollution demonstration, many didn't even notice. But this one was more significant, since it marked the beginning of Earth Day.

Since then, recycling has become a household word. And we, as gardeners, have an excellent way to do our part in helping the earth's environment, while helping our own lawns and gardens at the same time. And that is composting.

Yard waste takes up precious space in landfills, so more and more communities are placing restrictions on it. By composting all this so-called waste, you can reap numerous benefits.

Composting is simply the process of breaking down yard waste and kitchen scraps into a soil additive. Remember a while back when we said your soil probably isn't ideal? Here's the perfect way to remedy the situation. All you have to do is start a compost pile, and there's no time like the present.

What can be composted? Glad you asked. Grass clippings, leaves, withered annual and vegetable plants, faded flowers, fruit and vegetable peels, coffee grounds, eggshells, sawdust, pruning clippings and weeds. In other words, a lot of the stuff you've been cramming into trash bags.

Some materials should not be composted, though. They include meat scraps, bones, grease, whole eggs and other dairy products. Also, the waste from plants that have been treated with weed controls doesn't make good compost.

Nick Petrillo, chairman of the City Council's Sanitation Committee, and City Inspector Vince Scrum said the National Guard had nothing to do with the cleanup, but that one of several volunteers who helped remove some "junk" from the yard — with use of city equipment — is associated with the Guard.

"I think that's a false statement," Scrum said.

Petrillo said he was aware of the situation and believed the cleanup by a group of volunteers was "the right course of action."

"It appalls me that people would try to instill fear in this community," Petrillo said.

## •Voters

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Walter Milton Sr., Sandy Shaw and Dick Mizell.

Three men are seeking to openings on the Granite City Park Board: incumbents Ron Motil and Dave Dombek and Brian Patterson.

Two incumbents and at least one write-in candidate are seeking three positions to be elected to the Granite City Library District board. The names of incumbents Jim Schmiedeknecht and Marcie Williams will appear on the April 1 ballot in the library district. Local attorney Andy Miosky said he is seeking a position on the board as a write-in candidate.

MADISON — Two full slates of candidates are seeking the positions of mayor, city clerk, and four aldermen.

The New Progressive Party includes current City Clerk Bill Weidner as its mayoral candidate, former alderman Richard George for city clerk, and aldermanic candidates Tom Voloski (1st Ward), Norm Bellicoff (2nd Ward), Irene Hackett-Orr (3rd Ward) and Beulah Williams (4th Ward). The Positive Leadership Par-

ty candidates are current 3rd Ward Alderman John Hamm for mayor, Madison School Board President Sharon Cass for city clerk, incumbent Alderman Eleanor Armour (1st Ward), incumbent Ron Grzywacz (2nd Ward), incumbent Mike Vrabec (3rd Ward) and Kevin Gardner (4th Ward).

PONTON BEACH — Six candidates, including three incumbents, are seeking election to three trustee positions in the village.

Incumbent Trustee Mike Macek is running with new

## Modern Woodmen honor Lambrich

Members of Modern Woodmen of America Camp 3791 of Granite City met at an awards dinner Thursday, Feb. 27, to honor Gladys Lambrich.

Lambrich was recognized for her outstanding service to the community and its members. The Community Service Recognition Award ceremony coincided with the fraternal life insurance society's Community Service Recognition month.

## •Letter

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consisting of two acres.

Presswood said he called Shafer after he, Macek and other village residents received a letter with a signature on it that looked like "chicken scratch" but appeared to be Shafer's and accused Macek of allowing firearms to be discharged in the city to kill dogs.

Regarding the letter and the phone conversation, Presswood said, "He told me that he 'had 13 people call him, and he hadn't seen it (the letter)' but he 'had one in front of him.'"

"I said, 'Ron, what are you lying to me for? You gave me two different stories. You said you haven't seen it, but you've got one in front of you,'" Presswood said.

"Then I stated to Ron, 'if you didn't do this, like you said you need to go to the paper for a letter of retraction, and if you don't, that says it all,'" Presswood said.

"Then I hung up on him." Trustee Gus Falter called the arrests "bogus."

"I've never heard of someone who's been arrested just off an I.D. phone," he said. "Ron Shafer has called Mike at least 50 times in the last month. It's just unbelievable. It's political. I think it strikes of character assassination."

The letter also accused Macek of failing to help Shafer have police arrest anyone dumping trash on his property. The letter came in the wake of a March 20 article in the Granite City Press-Record, which described concrete structures on Shafer's property that could be seen from the property's boundaries.

The concrete had become a public issue after the Pontoon Beach Village Board of Trustees issued a stop order against Shafer to prevent him from completing a nine-foot-tall concrete structure that he had

been pouring for several years. At the meeting during which the stop order was issued, Shafer called the structure a "driveway." He asked permission from the village trustees to complete it — a distance of 100 more feet.

Trustees warned Shafer that if any more dumping of concrete or any other material occurred on the property, \$250 fines would be assessed.

The letter sent to the residents of Pontoon Beach had Macek concerned.

It alleged that Macek "set up a Press-Record/Journal reporter into writing a 'slandrous, fictitious and ambiguous' article about Ron Shafer, and stated that 'all parties involved' should be sued for the article and for trespassing on Ron Shafer's property."

The letter also accused Macek of allowing "seven pet dogs to be shot to death in the last two years" and said that one of the dogs "belonged to Ron's children."

Fred Shafer admitted that he had shot one of Ron's dogs because it was on his property and had killed one of his deer.

The letter addressed this.

"Let's clean up Pontoon Beach Politics by replacing

## •Fling

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cookbooks, and 20-minute long distance calling cards.

Readers will find details and an entry form for the Spring Fling Sweepstakes inside today's Journal. The sweepstakes promotion replaces the voluntary subscription envelope that traditionally has been used. Proceeds from voluntary subscriptions help offset the increasing cost of providing timely and local news, features and sports stories in the 41 individually edited Journals that serve the St. Louis area.

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## •Egg

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grassy turn-around area near

park's No. 3 shelter.

Caleb said he would spend his portion of the funds on toys and "basketball stuff." Josh said he would purchase baseball cards and tickets to an upcoming St. Louis Cardinals baseball game.

The boys began their search for the egg March 6, the day the first clue appeared in the paper. They said their search led them to the memorial fountain across from St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Frohardt and Lake elementary schools and McDonald's restaurant before they finally discovered the egg.

To All My Friends  
and Former Patients  
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My Nephew  
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## SPORTS

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in nationals.  
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schedules.  
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VoellingerScates' career  
earns spot in  
Hall of Fame

The first time I met Bob Scates was in the spring of 1967, when he was introduced by then O'Fallon High School principal Charles Dial as the Panthers' football coach.

How well I remember the man introduced to me as Bob-Dy Joe smiling while he and Dial held a football near the entrance to the high school.

That fall Scates made a lasting impression because in O'Fallon's first year of football, the Panthers finished 2-2-1, and as a teacher-coach at the school, I got to watch closely the teaching of a sport that I had quit as a sophomore in high school.

Incredibly, a year later, Scates and the Panthers achieved an 8-1-1 record. From the games played in 1967 under the lights in the outfield of an O'Fallon park baseball diamond, the sport flourished with its move to what still stands at the OTHS football stadium.

From 1967 through 1977, Scates compiled a 60-41-2 record. In his first seven seasons, the Panthers never finished below .500. In 11 seasons with Scates at the helm, O'Fallon won six or more games seven times.

For such achievements, including Mississippi Valley Conference titles, Scates, of Edwardsville, will be recognized on April 5 when he is inducted into the Illinois High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

The featured speaker at the Hall of Fame banquet in Champaign will be former Baltimore Colts All-Pro wide receiver Raymond Berry, and my hope is that he will recognize the 18 coaches to be inducted for more than their varsity records.

You see, after a 2-7 record in 1977 at O'Fallon, Scates was replaced as varsity football coach — a fact punctuated by three losing seasons from '74 through '77.

Yet, there was no way anyone could diminish Scates' love of football. A former state running back at Edwardsville High and an outstanding player at Missouri Valley College, Bobby Joe also had distinguished himself as an assistant coach at East St. Louis Senior High.

Thus, in 1980 he added freshman football coaching to his history teaching duties at OTHS and held that post until retiring in 1995.

"We were delighted when Bob was willing to come back and coach the freshmen," said OTHS coach Gary Bridell.

"He had the skills to teach fundamentals — something he always stressed. That made our freshman program strong and was something reflected on our varsity teams."

Prior to Scates' induction, nearly 1,300 coaches throughout the state are expected to participate in the annual

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## Rams' hurler holds off Warriors



Vince Whittenburg heads for third base during Thursday's game. The Warriors fell to Mt. Vernon 3-1 in their season opener.

Backus outduels Brewer;  
Mt. Vernon tops GCHS 3-1By Patrick C. Heston  
Staff writer

The Mount Vernon Rams spoiled the baseball season opener for the Granite City Warriors on Thursday afternoon, striking for three runs in the fifth inning en route to a 3-1 decision.

Sophomore Reid Backus was dominant on the mound, allowing only three GCHS hits and striking out 12. He grew stronger as the game wore on, fanning five of the last six batters he faced.

Dustin Brewer started strong for the Warriors, striking out the side in the first inning on only 12 pitches. He finished with 10 strikeouts on the afternoon.

Brewer dodged a second-inning threat by the Rams after a baserunning error Coleon Hawkins, who played for Mt. Vernon's state tournament basketball team and had only

Mt. Vernon 3, Granite City 1	
MV	GC
Williams	3 0 0
Tepovich	3 0 0
Engel	3 0 0
Hawkins	3 0 1
Backus	2 1 1
Dickson	2 0 0
Brewer	2 0 0
Irwin	2 0 0
Travis	2 0 1
Totals	24 3 4 3

Mt. Vernon	000 030 0	3
Granite City	000 010 0	1

2B — Backus; 5B — T. Brewer; Wallace.

Mt. Vernon	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Backus, W	7	3	1	0	2	12
Granite City	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Brewer, L	7	4	3	1	10	

three days of baseball practice, led off the inning with a base hit. He was sacrificed to second by Backus. But, after recording the out at first base, Ryan Relleke fired a strike to second baseman Scott Smaller, who tagged Hawkins — who (See WARRIORS, Page 3B)



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Dustin Brewer had 12 strikeouts and a complete-game effort Thursday against Mt. Vernon.

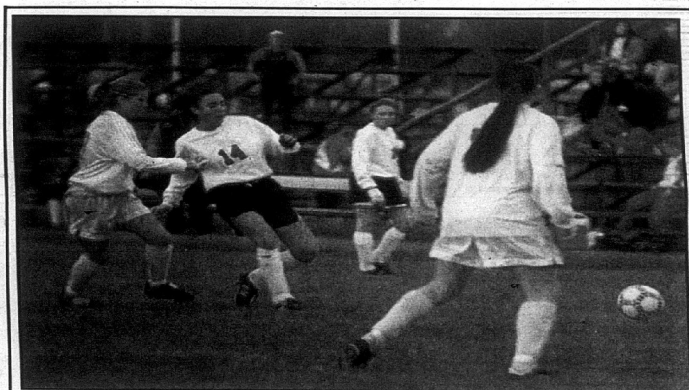
Pitching outshines  
offense in openerBy Patrick C. Heston  
Staff writer

Granite City baseball coach Gus Lignoul saw good and bad in the Warriors' season-opening loss to Mt. Vernon on Thursday.

"I was real happy with the way Dustin threw," Lignoul said of starting pitcher Dustin Brewer. "He will only get better as the season progresses and he will learn to take better advantage of his fastball."

Brewer, who threw 101 pitches, 68 of them for strikes, whiffed 10 batters while issuing only a fifth-inning walk. Six of his strikeouts came in the first three innings, when he was throwing smoke. But he got in trouble when he strayed to

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(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Ball battle — Jaime Dellbringe works a pass through traffic during the Lady Warriors' game against Incarnate Word this week. GCHS will play at Collinsville on Thursday.

Metro East schools hurdle  
final blocks of segregationBy Patrick C. Heston  
Staff writer

With the arrival of partial integration for black schools from southern Illinois in 1946, the Illinois High School Association began to allow previously barred teams to play in their own district tournaments, with the winners advancing to a regional as close as a host school would accept them.

Mounds Douglass and Carbondale Attucks dominated the deep south district tournament from 1946-1953, though Cairo

## Last of 4 parts

Sumner won the honors in 1948. Meanwhile, in the Metro East, Madison Dunbar and East St. Louis Lincoln were winning every other year.

The first team from the Southern Illinois Conference of Colored Schools to win an integrated regional tournament was East St. Louis Lincoln in 1949. Long after the SICC disbanded, Lincoln also became the first school to win a sectional tournament (1980), the

first to reach the final four (1982) and the first to win a state championship (1982). It is perhaps ironic that a school that could never advance to Champaign prior to integration would ultimately become the most successful all-black school in state history after integration.

Complete integration was not reached until 1954. That year the IHSA, under the direction of Al Willis, met at Dongola High School and made the unanimous decision to do away

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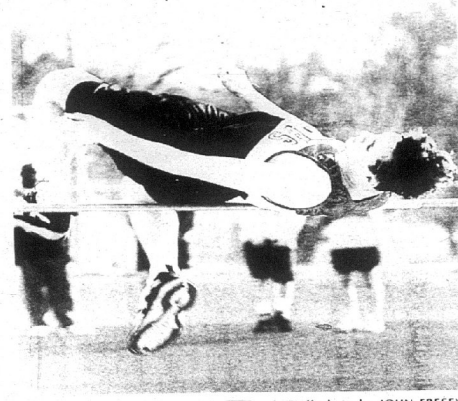
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## Prep baseball

BELLEVILLE EAST LANCERS		
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April		
1 at Red Bud.....	4 p.m.	
2 Highland.....	4:15 p.m.	
3 at East St. Louis.....	4:15 p.m.	
5 Quincy (DH).....	11 a.m.	
8 Collinsville.....	4:15 p.m.	
10 at Bellevue West.....	4:15 p.m.	
12 at Mt. Vernon (DH).....	4:15 p.m.	
15 Alton.....	4:15 p.m.	
17 at Granite City.....	4:15 p.m.	
22 ESL Lincoln.....	4:15 p.m.	
24 Edwardsville.....	4:15 p.m.	
26 at Centralia (DH).....	11 a.m.	
28 at Alholf (DH).....	4 p.m.	
May		
1 East St. Louis.....	4:15 p.m.	
3 Cahokia (DH).....	10 a.m.	
6 at Collinsville.....	4:15 p.m.	
8 Bellevue West.....	4:15 p.m.	
9 at O'Fallon (DH).....	4:15 p.m.	
12 at Alton.....	4:15 p.m.	
13 Granite City.....	4:15 p.m.	
15 at Lincoln.....	4:15 p.m.	
17 Freeburg.....	10 a.m.	
17 Triad.....	1 p.m.	
20 at Edwardsville.....	4:15 p.m.	
22 at Jerseyville (DH).....	4 p.m.	
27 Waterloo.....	4 p.m.	
BELLEVILLE WEST MAROONS		
April		
1 New Athens.....	4:15 p.m.	
2 at Gibault.....	4:15 p.m.	
3 at Alton.....	4:15 p.m.	
7 O'Fallon.....	4:15 p.m.	
8 at ESL Lincoln.....	4:15 p.m.	
9 at DeSmet.....	4:15 p.m.	
10 Bellevue East.....	4:15 p.m.	
CAHOKIA COMANCHES		
1997 Soccer		
April		
1 at Carbondale.....	4 p.m.	
8 at Roxana.....	4 p.m.	
9 at Wood River.....	4 p.m.	
16 at Ladue.....	4 p.m.	
17 at O'Fallon.....	4 p.m.	
22 at Bellevue West.....	4 p.m.	
24-26 Riverview Tournament.....	TBA	
30 Triad.....	4:15 p.m.	
May		
5 Carbondale.....	4 p.m.	
6 at Marion.....	4 p.m.	
8 M.E. Lutheran.....	4 p.m.	
13 at Gibault.....	4 p.m.	
14 O'Fallon.....	4 p.m.	
15 at Alholf.....	4 p.m.	
20 St. Pius.....	4 p.m.	
22 ESL Lincoln.....	4 p.m.	
COLLINSVILLE KAHOKS		
1997 Soccer		
March		
27 O'Fallon.....	4:30 p.m.	
April		
1 at Bellevue East.....	4 p.m.	
3 Granite City.....	4:30 p.m.	
8 at ESL Lincoln.....	4 p.m.	
10 Bellevue East.....	4:30 p.m.	
12 at Hazelwood Central.....	4:30 p.m.	
15 Bellevue West.....	4:30 p.m.	
17 at Edwardsville.....	4:30 p.m.	
19 at Mehlville.....	11 a.m.	
21 CYC Tournament.....	TBA	
May		
1 at Bellevue West.....	4 p.m.	
6 at Alton.....	4:30 p.m.	

GRANITE CITY WARRIORS		
March		
27 Mt. Vernon.....	L 1.3	
29 Washington (DH).....	12 p.m.	
April		
2 at Wood River.....	4 p.m.	
3 Collinsville.....	4:15 p.m.	
4 at Waterloo.....	4 p.m.	
5 New Athens (DH).....	11 a.m.	
7 CBC.....	4:15 p.m.	
8 at Edwardsville.....	4:15 p.m.	
10 at East St. Louis.....	4 p.m.	
12 at Triad (DH).....	10 a.m.	
15 at Bellevue West.....	4:15 p.m.	
17 Bellevue East.....	4:15 p.m.	
18 Cahokia.....	4:15 p.m.	
19 Jerseyville.....	9:30 a.m.	
22 at Alton.....	4:15 p.m.	
24 at ESL Lincoln.....	4:15 p.m.	
25 Round Robin Tournament.....	TBA	
30 at Alholf.....	4:15 p.m.	
May		
1 at Collinsville.....	4:15 p.m.	
6 Edwardsville.....	4:15 p.m.	
8 East St. Louis.....	4:15 p.m.	
10 at Springfield (DH).....	11 a.m.	
12 Bellevue West.....	4:15 p.m.	
13 at Bellevue East.....	4:15 p.m.	
15 Alton.....	4:15 p.m.	
20 ESL Lincoln.....	4:15 p.m.	
23 DeSmet.....	4:30 p.m.	
24 at Carbondale (DH).....	10 a.m.	



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)  
Mike Simpson tries to clear the bar in the high jump during Monday's meet at Collinsville. The Warriors were scheduled to compete in the Southwestern Illinois Relays Saturday at SIUE.

## Track

Girls track	
March 24	
Collinsville 51, Granite City 38	
Results	
4x100 — 1. Granite City 54.7, 2. Collinsville (Jennifer Balasco, Jiliana Harmon, Katy Tanke, Amy Rudy) 55.2, 3x100 — 1. Collinsville (Kelly Zickus, Kara Walters, Nikki Vaughn, Kate Meyer) 1:06.2, Granite City 1:13.16, Hurdle Shuttle — 1. Collinsville (Katy Tanke, Van, Jean Kekovak, Cheryl Cullen) 1:29.8, 2. Granite City 1:32.4, 400 — 1. Granite City 1:58.6, 2. Collinsville (Balasco, Harmon, Anna Whitworth, Rudy) 2:00, 1,600 — 1. Walters (CIS) 5:54, 2. Vaughn (CIS) 6:06, 4x400 — 1. Collinsville (Zickus, Whitworth, Tanke, Meyer) 4:36.8, 2. Granite City 5:02, Long jump — 1. Meyer (CIS) 16.5, 2. Lloyd (GC) 12.10, 3. Wright (GC) 12.8, Triple jump — 1. Tanke (CIS) 31.0, 2. Rekowski (CIS) 29.15, 3. Jon (GC) 26.1, Shot put — 1. Brandt (GC) 31.2, 2. Wendy Vierl (CIS) 31.2, 3. Feenstra (GC) 29.10, Discus — 1. Brandt (GC) 123.3, 2. Feenstra (GC) 101, 3. Vierl (CIS) 83.1, High jump — 1. Walters (CIS) 4.3	
Boys track	
Granite City 46, Collinsville 45	
Results	
4x100 — 1. Granite City 44.1, 2. Collinsville (Steve Ballinger, Joe Pasche, John Kinscherff, Derrill Dunlap) 47.0, 4x200 — 1. Collinsville (Duke Glauber, Yi Hong, Justin-Michael, Chris Nuernberg) 8:40, 2. Granite City 8:54.5, Hurdle Shuttle — 1. Collinsville (Ballinger, Pasche, Nuernberg, Dustin Doyle, Kory Kimbrell) 4:28.5, 400 — 1. Granite City 1:34.1, 2. Collinsville (Kinscherff) 1:34.1, 800 — 1. Kinscherff (CIS) 3:21, Shot put — 1. Ryan Presson (CIS) 49.5, 2. McKenroe (GC) 42.6, 2, Johnson (GC) 42.1, 11/2 Discus — 1. Nathan York (CIS) 131.0, 2. Presson (CIS) 121.4, 3. Edkins (CIS) 114.9, High jump — 1. Smith (GC) 5.9, 2. Huckleberry (GC) 5.3, 3. Hutching (GC) 5.5	

## Racing

### NASCAR Race Schedule

Broadcasts on WRYT/AM 1080

April	
5 Texas 300.....	12:15 p.m.
6 Texas 500.....	12:15 p.m.
12 Coca-Cola 500.....	12:45 p.m.
13 Food City 500.....	11:45 a.m.
19 Alltel 500.....	1:45 p.m.
20 Goody's 500.....	11:45 a.m.
26 Hummingbird 500.....	1 p.m.
27 Winston 500.....	12:15 p.m.
May	
4 Save Mart 300.....	2:45 p.m.
10 Stanley 200.....	noon
18 Meridian Adv. 200.....	11:45 a.m.
18 Winston Select.....	2:45 p.m.
24 Red Dog 300.....	11:30 a.m.
31 Dover 200.....	noon
June	
1 Miller 500.....	11:30 a.m.
7 Winston 300.....	3:45 p.m.
8 Pocono 500.....	11:45 a.m.
15 Miller 400.....	11:45 a.m.
22 California 500.....	TBA
29 Lysol 200.....	11:30 a.m.
July	
5 Pepsi 400.....	9:45 a.m.
6 Sears 400.....	12:45 a.m.
12 Carolina Pride 250.....	3:45 p.m.
13 Jiffy 300.....	11:45 a.m.
20 Miller 600.....	TBA
26 Gateway 300.....	TBA
September	
7 Miller 400.....	noon
14 New Hampshire 300.....	11:45 a.m.
20 MBNA 200.....	noon
21 MBNA 500.....	11:30 a.m.
28 Hanes 500.....	11:30 a.m.
October	
4 All Pro 300.....	11:30 a.m.
5 UAW-GM 500.....	11:30 a.m.
12 DieHard 500.....	11:45 a.m.
19 California 300.....	TBA
25 AC Delco 200.....	12:45 p.m.
26 AC Delco 400.....	11:30 a.m.
November	
2 DuraLube 500.....	12:45 a.m.
9 Miami 300.....	11:30 a.m.
16 NAPA 500.....	11:30 a.m.

## Prep soccer

BELLEVILLE EAST LANCERS		
1997 Soccer		
March		
27 O'Fallon.....	4 p.m.	
28 at Civic Memorial.....	TBA	
April		
1 Collinsville.....	4 p.m.	
8 Gibault.....	4 p.m.	
10 at Collinsville.....	6 p.m.	
12 at Carbondale.....	2 p.m.	
15 at Alton.....	4 p.m.	
17 Bellevue West.....	4 p.m.	
21-26 Alton Tournament.....	TBA	
May		
1 Triad.....	4:15 p.m.	
6 Granite City.....	4 p.m.	
8 at ESL Lincoln.....	4 p.m.	
10 at Alholf.....	12:15 p.m.	
12 Gillespie.....	4:15 p.m.	
14 at Alton Marquette.....	4:15 p.m.	
15 Edwardsville.....	6 p.m.	
CAHOKIA COMANCHES		
1997 Soccer		
April		
1 at Carbondale.....	4 p.m.	
8 at Roxana.....	4 p.m.	
9 at Wood River.....	4 p.m.	
16 at Ladue.....	4 p.m.	
17 at O'Fallon.....	4 p.m.	
22 at Bellevue West.....	4 p.m.	
24-26 Riverview Tournament.....	TBA	
30 Triad.....	4:15 p.m.	
May		
5 Carbondale.....	4 p.m.	
6 at Marion.....	4 p.m.	
8 M.E. Lutheran.....	4 p.m.	
13 at Gibault.....	4 p.m.	
14 O'Fallon.....	4 p.m.	
15 at Alholf.....	4 p.m.	
20 St. Pius.....	4 p.m.	
22 ESL Lincoln.....	4 p.m.	
COLLINSVILLE KAHOKS		
1997 Soccer		
March		
27 O'Fallon.....	4:30 p.m.	
April		
1 at Bellevue East.....	4 p.m.	
3 Granite City.....	4:30 p.m.	
8 at ESL Lincoln.....	4 p.m.	
10 Bellevue East.....	4:30 p.m.	
12 at Hazelwood Central.....	4:30 p.m.	
15 Bellevue West.....	4:30 p.m.	
17 at Edwardsville.....	4:30 p.m.	
19 at Mehlville.....	11 a.m.	
21 CYC Tournament.....	TBA	
May		
1 at Bellevue West.....	4 p.m.	
6 at Alton.....	4:30 p.m.	



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)  
Granite City's Brandi Ficker (left) makes her way to the ball during Tuesday's game against Incarnate Word Academy. The Wall Warriors will face Collinsville in their next game April 3.

COLUMBIA EAGLES		
1997 Soccer		
April		
1-4 Affton Tournament.....	TBA	
11-12 M.E. Lutheran Tournament.....	TBA	
May		
14 Bellevue West.....	4 p.m.	
15 Litchfield.....	4:30 p.m.	
17 M.E. Lutheran.....	4:30 p.m.	
14 at St. Joseph.....	4 p.m.	
20 at Notre Dame.....	4:30 p.m.	
EDWARDSVILLE TIGERS		
1997 Soccer		
March		
25 at M.E. Lutheran.....	TBA	
April		
3 ESL Lincoln.....	4:30 p.m.	
4 Gillespie.....	4 p.m.	
8 at Breese Mater Dei.....	4 p.m.	
10 at Granite City.....	4:30 p.m.	
17 Collinsville.....	4:30 p.m.	
18 at Triad.....	4 p.m.	
22 Gibault.....	4 p.m.	
29 at Civic Memorial.....	4 p.m.	
May		
1 Alton.....	4:30 p.m.	
2 Sacred Heart Griffin.....	TBA	
7 at Alholf.....	TBA	
8 at Bellevue West.....	4 p.m.	
15 Bellevue East.....	4 p.m.	
19 Alton Marquette.....	4 p.m.	
21 Carbondale.....	4:30 p.m.	
GIBAULT HAWKS		
1997 Soccer		
March		
25 at M.E. Lutheran.....	TBA	
April		
2 St. Elizabeth.....	4 p.m.	
3 at Roxana.....	TBA	
8 at Bellevue East.....	4 p.m.	
9 Stanton.....	4 p.m.	
10-12 M.E. Lutheran Tournament.....	TBA	
14 at Windsor.....	6 p.m.	
15 at Breese Mater Dei.....	TBA	
17 at Springfield.....	4 p.m.	
22 at Edwardsville.....	4 p.m.	
24 Marion.....	4 p.m.	
26 Carbondale.....	12 p.m.	
May		
6 at Triad.....	4:15 p.m.	
9 at Crossroads.....	4:30 p.m.	
13 Cahokia.....	4 p.m.	
17 at Bellevue West.....	12 p.m.	
GRANITE CITY WARRIORS		
1997 Soccer		
March		
24 Aquinas-Mercy.....	W 4-0	
April		
2 St. Elizabeth.....	4 p.m.	
3 at Roxana.....	TBA	
8 at Bellevue East.....	4 p.m.	
9 Stanton.....	4 p.m.	
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14 at Windsor.....	6 p.m.	
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24 Marion.....	4 p.m.	
26 Carbondale.....	12 p.m.	
May		
6 at Triad.....	4:15 p.m.	
9 at Crossroads.....	4:30 p.m.	
13 Cahokia.....	4 p.m.	
17 at Bellevue West.....	12 p.m.	

## Terry Eddleman Billiard League

Men's League		Tom Janek (Al's #20)		American Legion.....		3012	G Division		Fourth Street.....		2896	Polish Hall 116, Side Pocket 96	
Standings after 27 weeks				Don & Brenda's.....		2990			Village Inn 115, Club House 97		2864	Don & Brenda's 100, Sports Tap 91	
A Division		C Division		McMurphy's.....		2969	Hooch & Sixteen.....		Buz's.....		2878	Hooch & Sixteen's 105	
Gabby's #1.....		Steel Inn.....		3025	Besserman's.....		2905	Legacy Golf.....				Big Ed's Vic. 112, Al's 520 102	
Side Pocket.....		Don & Brenda's.....		2902	T J's Bar.....		2912	Side Pocket 111, Wayside 101					
Lenny's.....		Hooch & Sixteen.....		2906	Top Of Landing.....		2983	Edgie's Lounge 101, Inn Between 97					
Gabby's #2.....		The V's Lounge.....		2879	Lin's Place.....		2970	Buz's 116, Fourth Street 103					
The Break.....		Besserman's.....		2814	Dover Inn.....		2857	Side Pocket 115, Steel Inn 110					
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		Ed Gato.....		2723	Steel Inn.....		2892			Wayside.....			
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Gabby's #1 106, Lenny's 100				Hooch & Sixteen 121, Old Bridge 99		Don & Brenda's 104, Side Pocket 102				Old Bridge 119, Buz's 108			
The Break 122, Side Pocket 83				Ed Gato 111, Lin's Place 100		McMurphy's 114, Ken's Lounge 106				Carol's Hideaway.....			
Gabby's #2 119, Besserman's #2 99				Steel Inn 119, Besserman's 91		Top Of Landing 121, Besserman's 91				McMurphy's.....			
				Don & Brenda's 109, V's Lounge 99		Don & Brenda's 116, Besserman's 91				Inn Between.....			
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## Warriors

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had rounded the bag too far and couldn't get back before the throw. The next batter struck out.

The Warriors threatened in the bottom of the fourth when, with one out, Vince Whittenburg reached base safely as first baseman Josh Haile couldn't hold the throw from third baseman Tom Brewer. Relleke followed with a solid single, moving Whittenburg to second. Brewer then worked Backus for a 3-1 count before he struck out swinging. Wallace also missed a third strike and the inning was over.

Smallie made a fine defensive play to open the fifth inning, diving to his left to spear a liner by Hawkins. But Backus followed with a double down the line in left. Cassey Dodson walked and Tom Brewer pushed a bunt past Dustin Brewer to load the bases. Chad Irwin then went down on three straight pitches for the second out, but Josh Haile, batting in the ninth position, sent a grounder between first and second, scoring two runners and sending Brewer to third.

On the next pitch, Haile took off for second base, but stopped short when the throw from Jeff Hayden had him

beat. Tom Brewer then broke for home, but the throw was wide right, making the score 3-0 in the Rams' favor.

GCHS struck back with a run of its own in the bottom of the fifth. Brian Kamadulski walked and was sacrificed to second by David Parker. Mike Ahlvers then grounded out to second, but Smallie sent a clutch liner into right center, scoring Kamadulski. Eric Edwards' grounder to third ended the inning.

Brewer then retired the side in each of the last two innings, striking out the last two Rams he faced. But the Warriors could manage only a pair of scratch singles as Backus bore down.

"We didn't swing the bat very well," said GCHS coach Gus Lignoul. "At the beginning of the season, pitching tends to dominate. That's expected. But we need to be better at our hitting than we were today."

The Warriors will have to get ready in a hurry. They met Washington (Mo.) in a twin bill at home Saturday and must prepare for back-to-back games against Wood River and Collinsville on Thursday and Friday. The Warriors will visit Wood River and then host the Kahoks in a Southwestern Conference opener.



(Staff photo by JOHN FRES)

Granite City's Ryan Relleke hauls in a catch Thursday. The Warriors were scheduled to face Washington in a home doubleheader Saturday.

## Art

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spring clinic at Champaign. Later, at the Chancellor Hotel in Champaign, many of them will be fortunate if they learn that Seates was responsible for much more than just the development of a player like offensive lineman Bob Cryder, who reached stardom at Alabama under Bear Bryant and then became an all-pro with the New England Patriots.

**OVERTIME:** On the opening day of the clinic, new University of Illinois football coach Ron Turner will greet the coaches for two hours in the morning and then allow them to attend an Illini spring workout from 4-6 p.m.

Obviously, Turner, who spoke at the St. Clair County Teachers Institute last week at Belleville East, is beating a recruiting drum which too often was not heard throughout

the state in years past.

**FOOTNOTE:** Add another star to the list of Carlyle girls state championship leader Courtney Smith, who has earned a second consecutive Chicago Tribune all-state honor. A shooin' for Player of the Year, Smith will take much more than a 2.2 points-per-game average and 5-foot-9 height to SIU-Carbondale.

A recent column noted \$2.3 million improvements slated for SIUC facilities. I failed to note: \$260,000 for lights at the baseball and softball fields and \$250,000 to resurface the track at McAndrew Stadium, where the football-track stadium will also get lights valued at \$150,000.

(Art Voelinger is the baseball and soccer coach at Patton High School. He writes a twice-weekly column for the Journal.)

## Sports terms that hold a defining quality

It was years ago I first heard a Hoosier defined as "someone dribbling a basketball around the track at the Indianapolis 500, hunting for mushrooms as they go."

Accurate or not, it was an interesting definition. Since certain readers of this column are not as well-versed in sports as others, I thought it would be interesting as well as helpful to attempt some modern sports definitions to assist the novice fan in understanding the sporting event he or she is watching. So here goes.

**Dennis Rodman:** a group of tattoos coming together in a futile search for intelligent life.

**Bowling Ball:** a sports ball with a holier-than-thou attitude.

**NITPICKS:** teams chosen for the National Invitation Tournament.

**NASCAR:** How a Southerner compliments your new Mercedes.

**Dick Vitale:** A mouth in a race with a pair of hands.

**.300 hitter:** A person who succeeds by failing 70 percent of the time.

**Double boogie:** What a person with double vision sees when watching a Humphrey Bogart movie.

**Odd:** Dennis Rodman and Bryan Cox.

**Center jump:** What happens when the Blues' Pierre Turgeon is goosed by a hockey stick.



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**Big Ten:** What "D" students in math call a conference made up of 11 teams.

**Point shaving:** An act engaged in by team managers when uniform numbers start growing hair. (Not to be confused with point spread, which is what numbers appear to do as they grow hair.)

**Dennis Rodman and Bugs Bunny:** Two cartoon characters with whom Michael Jordan has played basketball.

**Direct free kick:** What Indiana basketball coach Bobby Knight would like to give a referee who makes a crucial call in the game against his Hoosiers.

**Dodos and traveling:** Two things, according to the NBA, that don't exist anymore.

**Hop, skip and jump:** What Patrick Ewing does before shooting a basketball.

**Alley-oops:** A gutter ball in bowling.

**Touchdown:** What you do when you pet a goose.

**Tiger Woods:** What you call the woods in Tiger's golf bag.

**Blue Line:** What shows up (See HESTON, Page 4B)

## Basketball

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with segregated district tournaments. Anna-Jonesboro became the first school in southern Illinois to host an integrated postseason tournament.

Mounds Douglass had an exceptional basketball team in 1954, rolling virtually untouched through the district and regional. In the first round of the sectional, Douglass drew 11th-ranked Mt. Carmel (24-3) with first-team all-American Archie Dees. The Golden Eagles, with Dees, scoring almost at will, were too much for Douglass.

Two nights later, Mt. Carmel was upset by unheralded Mt. Vernon on two free throws after time had expired. Mt. Vernon outstun the state with perhaps the greatest upset in IHSA championship game history, a 76-70 triumph over undefeated Chicago Dysable, the first all-black school from Chicago to reach the title

tilt. Three years later, East St. Louis Lincoln became the first all-black school from southern Illinois to crack the state-wide AP poll. The Tigers finished the 1957 regular season with a spotless 25-0 record and No. 11 ranking. Brooklyn Lovejoy is the only other school from the old St. Louis area ever been ranked in state polls, climbing as high as 12th in 1973.

When Bennie Lewis coached Lincoln to its first state title 15 years ago, it was more than a victory for the Tigers. It was a victory for scholars like Madison Dunbar, Venice Lincoln, Carbondale Attucks and Mounds Douglass, for players like Gene Cross, Peck Price, Luther Farrell and William Jenkins, and for coaches like Joe Russell, John Clark and Ernie Page.

It was a win, not simply for Lincoln High and the city of East St. Louis, but a win for the old Southern Illinois Conference of Colored Schools. It was a win for men and for boys and for teams, many of them years ahead of their time, giving their best night after night in dark and dingy gyms but, unfairly, never given a chance to prove how good they really were. It was a win for basketball. It was a win for so much more.

The years have come and gone. Segregation has given way to integration. Schools have merged. People have forgotten. Some never knew. But for those who knew, the memories remain.



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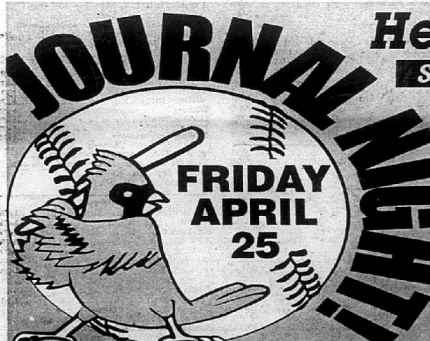
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## Sports shorts

**Stuart squad wins state**  
The James Stuart Chapter's Junior Division basketball team won the Illinois DeMolay's state championship March 16 at Knox College in Galesburg.

The Junior squad drubbed Alton 44-14 in the semifinals and edged Libertyville 38-33 for the title. In the championship game, Craig Harris had 14 points, Richard Winters put in 11, James Watson netted six, Nick Wilson added five, Robert Barton had two and Dan Watson scored one. Adam Schillinger also played.

The Junior Division is an under-15 division.

The Open Division team from the James Stuart Chapter was eliminated in the opening round, losing a tight 21-30 game to Libertyville. Members of the squad were: Derk Smith, Josh Church, Keith Hopke, Jason Landfried, David Cook, Matt LeVart, Eric Yurcisin, Brian Hopkins, Joe Carney, Chapter Sweetheart and Amanda Young. William A. Cochran, Jr., the Chapter's Athletic Adviser, was the coach.

**Nance, Wagoner place**  
The Granite City Wrestling Club placed a pair of winners at the USA Nationals, held on the campus of the University of Missouri at Kansas City.

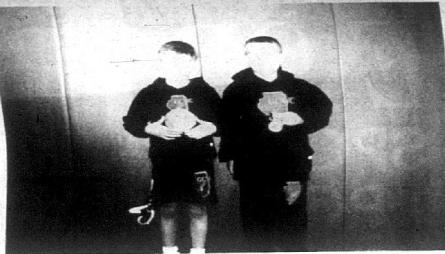
The Nationals are a prestigious annual event involving more than 600 wrestlers from as many as 30 states.

The two Granite City wrestlers to place were T.J. Nance, who finished third with a record of 5-1, and Austin Wagoner, who was undefeated in five contests and captured first place honors.

**Bantam tournament**  
The Chesterfield (Mo.) Community Association has added a 16-team Bantam I level to its Independence Day holiday baseball tournament to be held July 3-6. The open tournament still has a few slots remaining at three other levels: Atom 2, Bantam II and Midget II.

There is a three-game guarantee. The team entry fee is \$110. Call Mike Gremer (314-519-9830) or Joe Maas (314-458-8827) for more information.

**Sports physicals**  
Pre-participatory sports physicals will be offered by the



Granite City Wrestling Club members Austin Wagoner (left) and T.J. Nance recently placed at the USA Nationals. Wagoner placed first at 60 pounds and Nance placed third at 75 pounds.

Granite City School District 6:30 p.m. May 21-22 at the Wolf Building, Physical Medicine Department, 2100 Madison Ave.

The cost is \$25 and the physical is good for one calendar year, and it is accepted by the Illinois High School Association. For more information, call Saint Elizabeth Sports Medicine at 798-3943. All students who require any immunizations are exempt.

**Select team needs players**

A Bantam I select baseball team is seeking players born after Aug. 1, 1986. The team will play in a select league and several tournaments.

Tryouts will be held 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, March 26 at Maryville School. For more information, call Tom Nance at 797-2411.

**Khouri sign-ups**  
Pontoon Beach Khouri League sign-ups for baseball, softball and T-ball will be held 6-8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at the Pontoon Beach Village Hall, 3910 Highway 111, and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays at Tracy's Shirt Shop, 4084 Park Lane.

For more information, call 931-1291 or 931-7902.

**Mitchell registration**  
The Mitchell Athletic Club is

taking team registration for its summer recreational league (non-select) in baseball, softball and T-ball.

Boys and girls ages 4-19 are eligible. For more information, call Dave at 931-3630.

**Park league sign-ups**

The Granite City Park District is now taking registration for youth baseball, T-ball and ponytail softball this summer.

The sign-ups are for boys and girls who would like to play in the 1997 summer park leagues but are not currently on a park district team or have never played in the park district leagues.

Boys and girls who will be ages 6-16 may have their name placed on the list. Every effort will be made to place them on a team.

Boys and girls T-ball is for ages 6-7, youth baseball is for ages 8-16 and ponytail softball is for ages 8-16.

New teams are formed from the compiled list. Names on the list are also used by managers of existing teams who need to fill their rosters.

Anyone interested in coaching or managing a youth baseball, T-ball or ponytail softball team may visit the Wilson Park office or call recreation supervisor Ray Hoffman at 877-3059.

at hand and you'll never again be lost as you watch a sporting event. That is unless you're watching Australian Rules Football on ESPN. It truly defies definition.

## SPORTS

## •Opener

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the outside of the plate.

"We've talked to Brewer about that," Lignoul said. "With the velocity he has on his fastball, most of the players he faces are not going to get their bats around on the ball to hit it. The only chance most batters will have against him is if he gives them a pitch away."

"This afternoon Dustin pitched too many balls away. They didn't hit them hard, but they did hit them, and they hit them to the right places. The kid who got the big hit in the fifth inning hit the only pitch of Dustin's he could have — he hit one that was away from him. The fifth inning is a good example of what I'm talking about. None of the balls were hit hard that inning, but because they were pitched away, the batters were able to handle them."

Brewer had some momentary lapses in the late innings.

when he tended to aim the ball rather than throw it, but he demonstrated strength and stamina as well as an ability to dominate opposing batters when he stayed on the inside of the plate.

"Brewer is going to get stronger, he is going to get better," Lignoul said. "I'm glad he went the distance and was throwing as hard as he was at the end, because we're throwing him against Collinsville on Thursday."

But Lignoul was not as happy with his team's hitting.

"We're working with some of our kids — coach (Daren) DePew is — to make some adjustments in their hitting," Lignoul said. "They were doing well. But we come into the first game and they revert to their bad habits."

"It's discouraging to think we only got three hits this afternoon. We're better than that. We'll be better than that. Those bad habits that have crept back in are things we are going to have to deal with to make certain they don't come back again."

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## •Heston

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**Final Four:** What a golfer hears right before an errant drive strikes him in the head and kills him.

Keep these definitions close

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Bob Shipley has been one of the most outstanding members of the Board of Aldermen these past four years. He has voted for every progressive measure that has come before him and served as chairman of the Negotiating Committee that got all city workers union contract resolved and signed for the first time in a decade.

Bob has assured me that, as Township Supervisor, he will continue the fine bus service and senior programs. Bob is a compassionate man, a hard worker, and a leader. I am proud to recommend him as your Township Supervisor.

If we are to go forward into the next century, we will need leaders like Ron Selph and Bob Shipley working together. Please vote for both of these fine gentlemen.

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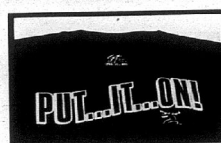
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# Spring revival April 2

Bethesda Baptist Church, 3035 Nameoki Drive, will begin its spring revival Wednesday evening, April 2, and continue through Sunday morning, April 6, according to the Rev. Luther Abbott, pastor of the church.

"The nightly services will begin at 7 p.m. and the Sunday morning service at 10:30 a.m.," Abbott said.

The Rev. John Gamblin, Associate Pastor of Grace Baptist Church, will be the evangelist.

The Rev. Wayne Shockley will be leading the music for the event.

"There will be special music at each service," Shockley said.

A nursery will be provided. Pastor Abbott encourages the public to attend.

# Sign language at church today

Today will be an extra special day for the congregation of St. John United Church of Christ, 2901 Nameoki Road.

The church will hold its first service featuring a sign language interpreter for the hearing impaired.

Shirley Hubbard of St. Louis will be the interpreter. She has been interpreting in the St. Louis area since 1987 and is currently attending St. Louis Community College for certification. Hubbard will interpret at the 10:30 a.m. worship service. A section of the church will be reserved for the hearing impaired.

Church leaders are excited about this new ministry and hope this will allow them to reach out and serve another part of the community.

There also are tentative plans to expand this service if the community response demonstrates a need.



Mark Steyer and David Oates of Oates Associates, Mayor Ron Selph and Jerry Kane, Executive Director of MCT, open the new park-and-ride lot in Granite City

# New Granite park-and-ride lot opened

Granite City Mayor Ron Selph recently cut the ceremonial ribbon marking the official opening of the city's new park-and-ride lot, located directly across 19th Street from the Madison County Transit District's Granite City Bus Station. The new lot provides an additional 50 parking spaces for commuters wanting to take advantage of convenient bus service from the station.

The Granite City Station, which opened March 1993, was designed as the focal point for the transit system in southwestern Madison County. Local buses depart each hour for destinations in Alton and Wood River, Edwardsville, Madison, Pontoon Beach, Venice and East St. Louis as well as Granite City. Commuters can also use express buses to downtown St. Louis, Red Bird, Muny and Rams express buses will also serve the lot.

Later this year, Madison County Transit plans to implement several new routes serving the new park-and-ride lot. New buses have been ordered to begin three new MetroLink feeder routes originating in Madison County, including one departing from the Granite City Station every half hour for rail stations in downtown St. Louis and East St. Louis and a second stopping in Granite City enroute from Alton to MetroLink.

Local service changes will include a new

weekday route providing direct connection between the Tri-Cities and the Collinsville-Maryville area. Selph, chairman of MCT since July 1996, noted that riders have been asking for such a route.

"I'm delighted we have found a way to respond to this need," Selph said. "As ridership continues to grow during the next few years, the Transit District will be looking to add more buses to existing routes in order to shorten passenger waiting times between buses."

Oates Associates, Inc. of Collinsville, Ill., was responsible for the engineering on the project. Womack Brothers of Lenzburg, Ill., submitted the low bid of \$170,000 for the work. The project was 80-percent funded with Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Funds, with the remaining 20 percent of the funds provided by MCT.

The transit district was created in 1980 to oversee all mass transit in the county. MCT operates 17 local fixed routes, seven express routes to St. Louis and door-to-door service for persons with disabilities and older adults. The district also is responsible for the county's bike trails and administers the RidePins program for the eight-county St. Louis region.

# School menus

**Granite City Public Schools**

**Monday — Breakfast:** Pop tarts, cup of raisins; **lunch:** Pizza, tossed salad with dressing, mixed fruit.

**Tuesday — Breakfast:** Cereal, toast and jelly, fresh banana; **lunch:** Barbecued rib on bun, sliced carrots, pineapple chunks.

**Wednesday — Breakfast:** Sausage patty, biscuit and jelly, cup of strawberries; **lunch:** Ham and cheese on deli bun with lettuce and tomato, skordie noodles, fresh apple wedges.

**Thursday — Breakfast:** Cinnamon toast (2), fresh orange; **lunch:** Beef and bean taco with lettuce and cheese, whole kernel corn, sliced peaches, slice of bread.

**Friday — Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza, applesauce; **lunch:** Grilled cheese sandwich, tomato soup w/crackers, oatmeal cookie, pear halves.

**Holy Family**

**Monday — No school.**

**Tuesday —** No school.

**Wednesday —** Breaded chicken patty on bun, pork 'n' beans, slaw, peaches.

**Thursday —** Chef salad with ham, crackers, pears, cake.

**Friday —** Turkey, mashed potatoes, green beans, applesauce.

**St. Elizabeth**

**Monday — No school.**

**Tuesday —** Breaded chicken patty on bun, pork 'n' beans, slaw, peaches.

**Wednesday —** Chef salad with ham, crackers, pears, cake.

**Thursday —** Turkey, mashed potatoes, green beans, applesauce.

**Friday —** Fish nuggets, macaroni and cheese, peas, mixed fruit.

# Partney endorsed by Jim McPike

Former State Rep. Jim McPike, D-Alton, has endorsed David Partney's mayoral candidacy in Granite City.

"I have known Dave for the past 24 years and have known him to be a hard-working, hands-on, individual and an honest person at whatever task he takes on," said McPike, the former Illinois House majority leader.

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Named to honor society  
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ite City was inducted into the  
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Humphrey is a psychology  
major, minoring in criminal  
justice. She is the daughter of  
Owen Humphrey of Granite  
City.

Named to Dean's List

• CATRINA BENSON of  
Granite City, a freshman at  
University of Illinois Urbana-  
Champaign, was named to the  
Dean's list for the 1996 fall  
semester. Having completed 14  
hours with outstanding  
achievement, she placed  
among the top 20 percent of  
her class.  
Benson is majoring in engi-  
neering with a 4.0 average and  
has also been accepted into the  
co-ed fraternity Phi Eta Sigma,  
which is for honor stu-  
dents only.

• MATTHEW STINSON has  
been named to the fall 1996  
Dean's list for the fall 1996  
semester at Marquette Univer-  
sity.  
A 1983 graduate of Granite  
City High School, Stinson is a  
senior chemistry major.  
Those students listed on the  
trustees' list have been  
enrolled at least 12 credit  
hours and earned a grade

point average of 3.85 to 4.0 on  
a 4.0 scale.

• Three Granite City resi-  
dents have been named to  
Dean's List for the fall semes-  
ter of the 1996-97 academic  
year at McKendree College in  
Lebanon: PEGGY DUNCAN-  
WOOD, a junior; BASIL YUR-  
CISIN, a sophomore; and  
KELLY AHLERS, a sopho-  
more.

Each earned a spot on the  
Dean's List by qualifying for  
the honor with a grade point  
average of 3.6 or better.

• SARAH E. WELSH of  
Godfrey qualified for the  
Dean's list for the fall 1996  
semester at Marquette Univer-  
sity.

Receives scholarship  
COURTNEY KENDALL, a  
sophomore psychology major  
at Olivet Nazarene University  
in Bourbonnais, has been  
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ter of MARK and DONNA  
YEHLING of Granite City, has  
been nominated to serve as an  
admissions ambassador for the  
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coln College in Lincoln, Ill.  
She is a graduate of Granite  
City High School.

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# Spring Sports

## Early spring gardening requires preparation

By Angie Eckert  
Correspondent

Delicate tips of plants are poking through the soil and buds are beginning to burst. In a few more weeks, spring flowers will paint the Metro-East landscape in white, pink and yellow. Spring is certainly on the way.

Along with those unmistakable signs of spring comes the ever-famous

tradition of spring cleaning in your home. The outside of your home needs a thorough spring cleaning as well. The lawn, flower beds, shrubs, trees and even spring flowering bulbs will benefit greatly from a rejuvenation following the hardships of winter.

Now is an excellent time to tidy your yard by cleaning up fallen branches, sticks and leaf debris left behind from the

treacherous winter months. Add raked up leaf debris to the compost pile.

When the threat of frost is gone, winter layers of mulch can be pulled away from existing plants. In the St. Louis area the Average Frost Free Date is April 15. After this date, there is only a 5 percent chance another frost will occur, so it is considered 95 percent safe to plant annuals (plants that survive for one growing season) outdoors after April 15. Should a frost be predicted after the AFFD, cover the plants gently with an old sheet or surround them with a protective layer of mulch. To avoid almost all risk of frost, wait until the first week of May to plant tender plants outdoors.

Some annual plants can endure spring frosts. Vegetable seeds such as beets, carrots, parsley, lettuce and parsnips can be planted in the garden now. Starter plants of broccoli, cabbage, Brussels sprouts and cauliflower, now available at some garden centers in the area, can also be planted now in the garden.

Stanley Gaa, hobby gardener and Belleville resident, takes advantage of vegetables that tolerate cooler weather. He has had vegetable seed in the ground since the first week of March.

"I planted the lettuce, radish and carrots in raised beds in the garden," Gaa said. "I covered the lettuce with (clear) plastic... If we get a few warm days here, the

lettuce should be ready in a few weeks."

Gaa will be one of the first gardeners with lettuce in the Metro-East area.

It takes a green thumb and gardening know-how to be able to plant outdoors early. By covering the planting beds with heavy, clear plastic, a mini-greenhouse is created. When the temperatures warm two weeks later, the plastic is removed. This technique allows for earlier harvest than if the seeds were sown without a covering.

Other cold tolerant plants include ornamental annuals such as pansies and Dianthus. They can be planted outside now also. After the threat of frost has passed, it is safe to plant all other annuals.

Early spring is also the time to boost bulb performance. "Bulb booster" fertilizers are available in granular (dry pellet) form and can be broadcast, or shaken over the top of the plants. To avoid

after fertilizing to dislodge fertilizer pellets from the foliage. Booster can be applied anytime before the bulbs flower.

Trees and shrubs can be planted as soon as they are available from local nurseries and when the soil is workable. The soil is ready for planting when it has thawed completely and has a crumbly texture when squeezed in the palm of your hand. If the soil sticks together when squeezed, it is too wet to plant; wait a few days for the soil to dry. Planting when the soil is too wet can compact the soil, which inhibits healthy plant growth.

Before new leaves emerge from existing trees and shrubs, prune dead or damaged branches of all shrubs and trees. Pruning to alter the shape of trees and summer flowering shrubs (such as hydrangeas and rose of Sharon) should be completed before the new leaves of the

(See SPRING, Page 9B)

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# HOME AND GARDEN

## Check out potential roofing contractor thoroughly

Homeowners who wait to see water stains on their ceilings before calling a roofing contractor have already waited too long. By the time visible damage is done to the interior, structural damage already has occurred. Delay turns a simple re-roofing job into a major structural repair project.

"Considering that a roof protects home, belongings and family, it's essential to detect and attend to problems promptly," says Chuck Berk, vice president and general manager of Sears Home Improvement Professional Services, which replaces more roofs than any

other company nationwide. "The good news is that a quality roof, properly installed, lasts for many years. It's important to know when a new roof is needed, select the proper roof, and choose a roofing contractor you can trust to protect your biggest investment—your home."

### When is it time to replace your roof?

"If your roof is more than 10 years old, it may start showing signs of wear," Berk explains. Loose or missing shingle, damaged flashing between the roof line and exterior walls, and cracked, curled or rotted shingles are warning signs. It's

time to call in a roofing professional. "Ideally, look for one who offers a free inspection and a written estimate for the replacement work," Berk says.

Popular roofing materials come in varied colors and textures. About 80 percent of American homes have organic (asphalt) or fiberglass roofs, chosen for their mix of performance, low maintenance, versatility and price. Today's choices include shingles with textures that create handsome dimensional effects.

Choice of roof color is important, as it affects the overall appearance of the house. A light-colored roof

creates a spacious look, especially when paired with a light colored house. A darker roof gives a cozy look, particularly if the home's color is also dark. For a dramatic contrast, some homeowners choose a roof very different in color from the house. Some people prefer dark colors that absorb the sun's rays; others prefer light colors that reflect them. Because a quality roof lasts for many years, people often select a neutral tone that coordinates with most house colors. To help visualize how various selections look, consumers should ask to see the contractor's portfolio of completed projects.

The right contractor is as important as the right roof, so homeowners should ask the right questions before signing the contract. "Does your contractor have good references and a good record?" Berk advises consumers to ask how long the contractor has been in business (an indication of the company's stability); and ask for customer and business references. "Time invested in calling references is worthwhile," Berk says. "Ask if past customers would recommend the contractor to their family and friends." Is the contractor licensed

and insured? Roofing is not work for amateurs, so don't take chances," Berk advises. "Ask to see the contractor's license and his certificates for property damage, liability and worker's compensation insurance; and call the insurance company to be sure the policies are current."

### Is your satisfaction guaranteed?

Have the contractor explain what the roofing manufacturer's warranty covers, and for how long. Then, ask if the contractor stands behind it.

## Control grass-grubbing pests in lawn

Most everyone with a lawn or garden is familiar with the sight of flying Japanese beetles in the summer. These pesky insects cause millions of dollars in damage each year by feeding on the leaves of rose bushes, fruit trees and other plants. Although Japanese beetles are a nuisance, what's even worse is their offspring—the grub.

Each fall, these grass-grubbing larvae cause even more damage than their adult counterparts because they feed on the roots of grass, flowers and bulbs. Grubs can destroy an otherwise healthy lawn by preventing water from reaching the root system. The result of extensive damage is brown and patchy turf which, in some areas, can be pulled up like a carpet.

"The signs of grub infestation are

obvious," says John Lucas, Senior Entomologist at AgrEvo Environmental Health. "If you roll back the grass, you can see the white C-shaped larvae in the soil close to the ground."

So how can you get rid of grubs?

Lucas recommends using a product labeled for grub control and offers these tips:

- Timing is everything. The grub is the weakest link in the year-long life cycle of the Japanese beetle. For best results, make sure that application takes place in the fall when grubs are newly hatched and feeding, or in the spring before they emerge as adults.
- Measure the size of your lawn in square feet so that you can determine the amount of product needed for accurate control.

Remember "less is more" when using insecticides. Select a product which offers low dosage rates of less than three pounds per 1,000 square feet.

- Always read and follow label instructions.
- Remove any accumulated thatch (plant litter) so the insecticide can reach the soil.
- Apply uniformly with a broadcast spreader to assure complete coverage. Be sure to calibrate your spreader for the appropriate amount of granules.
- Thoroughly saturate the treated area with water immediately following application for maximum effectiveness.
- As when using any chemical, wear gloves and protective clothing, and always remember to wash hands and materials thoroughly after handling.

## Spring

(Continued from Page 8B) Plants emerge this spring. For the best flowering results on spring flowering shrubs, wait until after they have flowered this spring, then prune.

Now is the time to divide summer and fall flowering perennials (plants that live at least three years). To maximize this year's flower display, avoid dividing spring flowering perennials until they have finished blooming this year. When new growth appears on herbaceous perennials, apply a balanced fertilizer such as 12-12-12.

If planting a vegetable or flower garden for the first time, be sure to have the soil tested prior to planting. In this area, organizations that test soil include local Farm Bureaus, Kemper Center for Home Gardening at the Missouri Botanical Garden and Alvey Labs in Belleville.

Soil tests provide specific information about the characteristics and needs of your soil. The returned analysis will recommend organic matter and fertilizers necessary to improve the soil for your growing purposes. University of Illinois Extension Educator Ron

Cornwell recommends sending soil samples to a lab to obtain accurate readings and suggestions for soil improvements.

"There are soil testing kits for the homeowner," Cornwell said. "However, if accuracy is what you are after, you should take it to a lab."

The recommended frequency for testing landscape soil is every three to six years. Longer days and warmer temperatures are greening lawns across the Metro East. To encourage healthy green growth, mow the lawn in early spring to remove the tips of the old growth. Pre-emergent herbicides, used to control annual weeds and cool-season weeds such as crabgrass,

should be applied before mid-April.

Spring is also the best time to seed over bare spots in the lawn, and now is also a good time to loosen and remove the thatch layer in the lawn if it exceeds three quarters of an inch in thickness. Thatch is the brown layer of dead and living plant material between the soil surface and the grass blades.

Indoor plants are beginning to grow in response to the longer days associated with spring. Fertilize houseplants now to encourage growth. It is a good time to transplant houseplants into larger pots. A plant needs transplanting if, when it is removed from its pot, its roots circle the pot in a dense mass. Loosen the roots

so that they do not continue to grow in a circular pattern. Repot the plant in a container at least two inches larger in diameter. Be sure to add potting soil.

As spring unfolds and days lengthen, be on the lookout for flowering delights such as dogwood, magnolias and crab apples. Think spring and spring cleaning. After all, gardening season is just around the corner.

Angie Eckert teaches Introduction to Horticulture at Belleville Area College. She coordinates adult education programs for the Missouri Botanical Garden and facilitates gardening workshops at Eckert's Country Store and Farms in Belleville.

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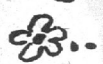
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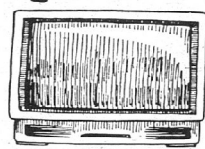
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Fifth Grade: Megan Anders, Kristie Ballard, Megan Bartels, Alicia Bodkin, Cody Branscum, Amber Brown, Jacob Casleton, Michelle Clatts, Kelli Comer, Joshua DeRoche, Kyle Foster, Megan Hammond, Amanda Harrison, Brittney Heck, David Heck, Christopher Heintz, Laura Hildebrand, Lauren Hughes, Thomas Hughes, Julie Lange, Brittney Lloyd, Jennifer Lloyd, Russell Lockridge, Holly Lapardus, Christopher McIntyre, Elizabeth Mourton, Shannon Mueller, Charles Murphy, Ian Nichols, William Patterson, Jennifer Ray, Jessica Ray, Whitney Ruebhausen, Katherine Simon, Amy Simpson, Hannah Sparks, Tessa Stratton, Alyson Streid, Emily Svezia, Andrea Szerzinski, Danielle Thebeau, Joseph Warhol and Keisha Wentz.

Sixth Grade: Emily Affolter, Candace Bonvino, Phillip Dalton, Amanda Davis, Jarred Doolittle, Matthew Duffield, Sean Fortune, Kelly Greathouse, Jermaine Hornberger, Justin Huleman, Stephanie Kessler, Leslie Kwiatkowski, Mark Ledbetter, Joanna Manzo, Patrick McGehee, Corey McManamy, Summer Moore, Morrison, Joshua Murray, Nicole Norn, Benjamin Orris, Brittany Pritchard, Conrad Ramos, Michelle Rodgers, Derek Sanchez, Jordan Settlemeier, Emily Skouby, Kate Solberger, Sarah Sorenson, Tisha Tomlinson, Ross Tyler, Nathan Whitehead and Kevin Wilson.

### Lake School

Fourth Grade: Jeffrey Arnold, Kenny Boone, Shala Boyd, Cali Byrd, Emily Cross, Andrew Daniels, Brandon Fisk, Adrian Gonzales, Kristin Hayden, David Hutchins, Ashley Marshall, Mark Martinez, Malarie Park, Nicole Riek, Krage Sebans, Jessica Thebeau and Natalie Wilson.

Fifth Grade: Joseph Allsup, Michelle Baker, Ashley Bailey, Natasha Hall and Matt Holloway.

### Maryville School

Sixth Grade: Misty Anderson, David Boone, Kassy Briggs, Jenny Callender, Tim Cox, Richard Dawson, Savannah Faith, Darryl Fisher, Jessica Gibson, Anastasia Gitcho, Matt Haddix, Ricky Hamilton, Josh Hesse, Jessica Hicks, Shannon Jakul, Arthur Means, Jacob Mellor, Sheldon Murphy, Amanda Parsons, Andrea Valencia and Chad Wilson.

Special Education: Richard Kristiansen, Keith Davis, Narci Hernandez, Kimberly Money-maker and Amanda Wright.

### Marshall Grade School

Fourth Grade: Dustin Campbell, Justin Cook, Lacey Campbell, Mike Gerkin, James Kristoff, Ashley Porter, James Porter, Stephanie Schenk, Nicole Sorenson, Summer Weiss, Farryn Windle and Kristiana Wolf.

Fifth Grade: Jeremiah Angerillo, Joshua Borkowski, Fawn Cook, Amanda Dioneda, Amy Dioneda, Andrew Gehl, Jenna Giffin, Aaron Huffman, James Monroe, Jonathan Morlen, Alex Ripshy, Isaac Rose, Nicole Rushing, Shari Skaggs, Leroy Stufflebean, Michael Tudor and Jacob Valencia.

Sixth Grade: Heather Beljanski, Timothy Blaylock, Jeffrey Briggs, Philip Camille Carpenter, Bradley Davenport, Raymond Fears, Jacob Glass, Angel Hart, Emily Krug, Jessica Leisner, Randy Mathenia and Nathan Rushing.

Fourth Grade: Erin Calbreath, Jessica Callender, Kristen Carrabine, Sandra Crook, Michael Cuyar, Candice Fuller, David Funkhouser, Mallory Jones, Lydia Kamphoefner, Jessica Martin, Sunny Munro, Thomas Nance, Jessica Nohl, Christopher Ortiz, Jennifer Reeves, Sara Robinson, Adam Saltgaver, Timothy Scaturro, John Schuelke, Heather Vanyo, Joel Walk, Christopher Watkins, Tiffany Watson, Dillon Wesley, Andrea Wettergreen, James Willfong and Jon Wilkinson.

Fifth Grade: Rebecca Ambuehl, Zachary Burch, Chad Peeney, Amy Fernandez, Stacey Flanigan, Chris Franco,

Ray Gaudette, Amanda Hayes, Katherine Hoffman, Ronald Johnson, Cassie Koelber, Bethany Mareum, Jennifer Mull, Holly Odom, Darren Paschedag, Lyndsie Phelan, Cody Pinkston, Brad Stone, Ashley Stroder, Jennifer Thomas, Joseph Symeta, Wallace, Jared Warren, Kenny Watkins, Rachael Wilbur, Leslie Williams and David Wyckoff.

### Mitchell School

Fourth Grade: Charlotte Adams, Sarah Barton, Amy Baugh, Amanda Bennett, Jona-

than Boker, Ashley Bush, Jennifer Chiappa, Shelley Clark, Sarah Demaree, Jenna Dummitt, Jacob Forsy, Danae Hanks, Jacob Harris, Kyle Kleusken, Mallory Koesterer, Crystal Krause, Tiffany Lalla, Travis Lansaw, Cally Laughlin, Krista Legate, Brittany Levart, Sara Loyet, Jerry Lynn, Jackie Miller, Amy Milion, Brian Morelan, Kathryn Moutria, Joie Muller, Josh Paschedag, Mallory Preswood, Derek Rensing, Jessica Robert, Katie Root, Keith Sanders, Tiffany Shemwell, Billy Street, Jennifer Thomas and Kacy VonNida.

Fifth Grade: Chris Baugh, Alan Boone, Stacey Colp, Willi Connolly, Bryan Frost, Danielle Gibbons, Corey Gorr, Tiffany Hagston, Michael Harris, Ian Hartzel, Crystal Hunt, Chad Imboden, Tim Jones, Josh Lipski, Matthew Morton, Raymond O'Beir, Michael Orlander, Mitesh Patel, Ashlee Ritchie, Kim Rood, Brandy Scholes, Ashley Selph, Justin Smith, Emily Soltani, Jacob Soltani, Carrie Taylor and Kelly Wilson.

Sixth Grade: Jonathan Adams, Hailey Bennett, Craig Bridgeman, Danielle Divietro, Melissa Douglas, Amy Finazo, Andy Flood, Matthew Gergen, Mark Hanks, Vanessa Hartwick, Vanessa Imboden, Katie Ivie, Josh Jackson, Kelly Jackson, Amanda Laughlin, Sara Legate, Molly McDowell, Amanda Miller, Robert Nemeth, Courtney Pare, Natasha Ponce, Jennifer Root,

Jacob Seley, Bryan Smith and Salvador Woods.

### Niedringhaus School

Fourth Grade: Ackerley Ahling, Greg Anderson, Chris Asadorian, Ashlee Boyer, Lindsay Boyer, Cameron Carpenter, Alycia Dioneda, Keven Eaves,

Elyn Hollis, Stephen Jones, Kristen Kwiatkowski, Krystle Lange, Stephen Mateosian, James McQuade, Kelsey Roseman, Lindsay Vance, Amy Steen, Rebecca Vance, Brian Vorce, Steven Werths and Michael Yost.

Fifth Grade: Josh Albert, (See AWARDS, Page 3C)

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12:00 Tour	Sandy Patrick, RN, BSN, IBCL
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Sixth Grade: Richard Asadorian, Nick Bronnbauer, Jenna Cassidy, Nathan Fischer, Amy Harper, Anna Huffaker, Adam Lancaster, Mary Laster, Elizabeth Lloyd, Kathryn

Lloyd, Jacky Marzucco, Vince Paskus, Kendall Patterson, Doug Pritchett, Kyle Revelle, Kim Rhodebeck, Brandy Salzman, Kristen Schermer, Ariane Sendejas, Amanda Smothers, Robby Sleen, Adam Trawick, Sam Trawick, Tara Treece, Natalie Vaughn, Justin Wallace, Jim Weaver, Lindsay Weidner and Ryan Woodson.

Prather Elementary School

Fourth Grade: Joshua Allen, Kirstyn Barth, Bryan Baxter, Brittany Blackston, Bill Casey, Nicole Dawson, Nicole Evans,

Jacob Flynn, Jonathan Fuller, Shannon Keithly, Jeremy Kendall, Jacob Koroby, Shawn Lemaster, Chris Million, Debbi Nigh, Kharel Price, Brittany Rigby, Andrew Robinson, Dean Roseman, Spencer Stevens, Amanda Tidwell, Jodi Ustrey, Rachel Warren, Kelli Watson, Della Waynick, Philip Wills and Josh Wilson.

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ley Reed, Tabbatha Sipes and Brittney Vaughn.

Sixth Grade: Dustin Brooks, Ashley Burton, Erik Caban, James Carter, Sarah Caudron, Ashley Cloninger, Courtney Compton, Jackie Dauska, Heather Davis, Amy Dix, Shannon Easley, Josh Harris, Tony Hartline, Danielle Hitchcock, Davis Huniak, Tiffany Joyce, Jerry Krug, Charles Lofink, Amanda Long, Emily Love, Randi Lupardus, Nicholas Maas, Ben Martin, Rachel Meyer, Angela Nicol, Candy Nopp, Miranda Nopp, Shane Phillips, Jim Ribley, Katie Robbins, Tim Schmidt, Amanda Singleton, Sarah Smothers, Kristin Vaughn, Sara Winterbauer, Scott Woll, Leonard Wright and Crystal Wyatt.

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We are proud and honored to recommend to you, Bob Shipley, for the position of Granite City Township Supervisor. We have known Bob Shipley, both personally and professionally, for many years. A native of Granite City, Bob is extremely active in our community through volunteer youth activities, church involvement, and as Alderman of the 3rd Ward. He has demonstrated time after time, with great kindness, intelligence and fairness just how dedicated, committed, and determined he is to making our community a better place to live.

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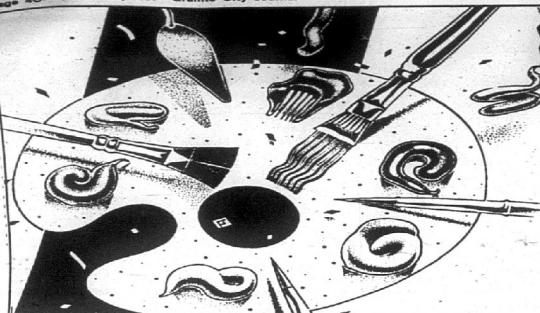
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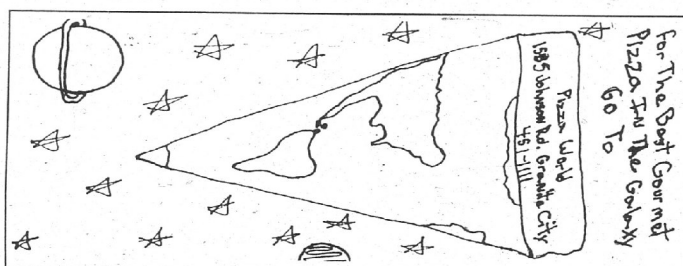
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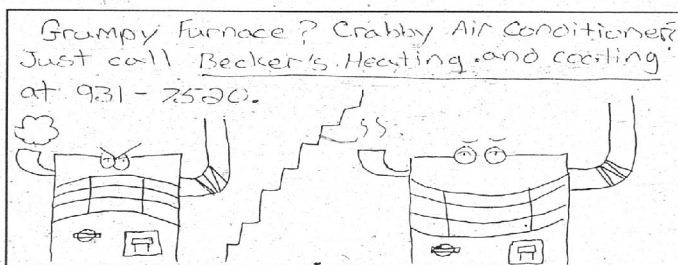


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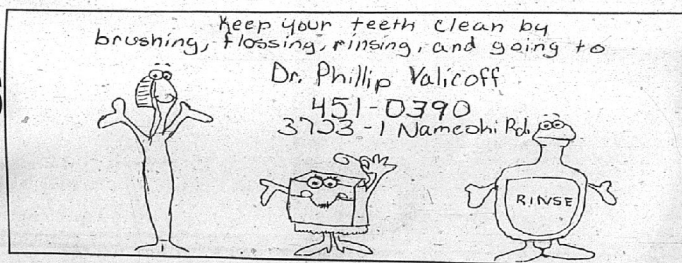


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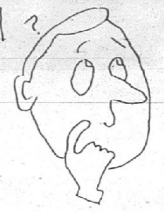
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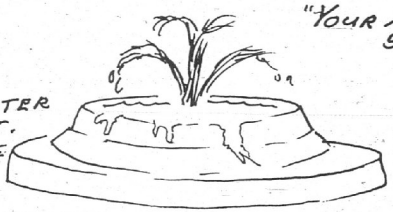
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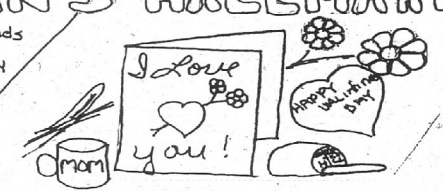
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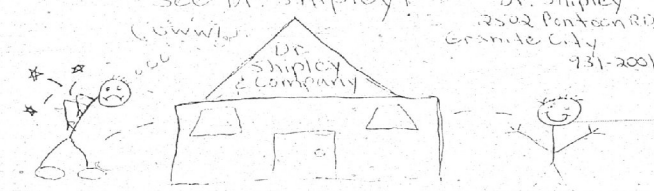
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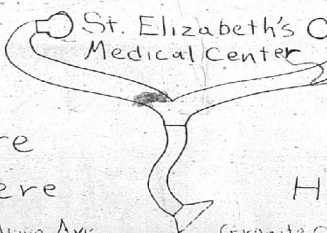
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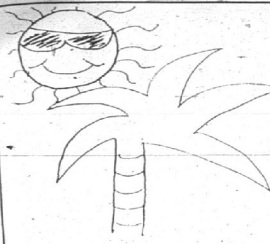
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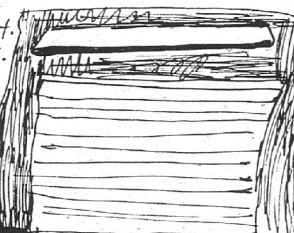
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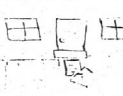
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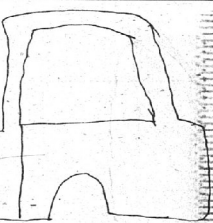


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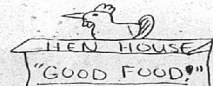
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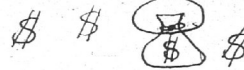
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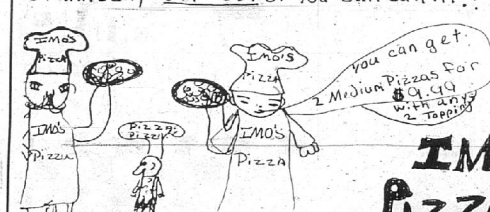
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# 'Devil's Own' leading man slam dunks big budget film

Long before the critics could get their hands on the shoot-em-up thriller "The Devil's Own," leading man Brad Pitt was blasting the production and ruffling studio feathers.

"It was ridiculous," Pitt said, describing the

much-ballyhooed Columbia Pictures release. "It was the most irresponsible bit of filmmaking — if you can call it that — that I've ever seen."

"I couldn't believe it," Pitt declared in a Newsweek interview.

Neither could many industry insiders, stunned by Pitt's frank description of the troubled project.

"I salute Brad Pitt," says Ray Carney, professor of film at Boston University.

"Truth is so uncommon in the whole publicity business that if someone ever dares veer an inch toward the truth, it makes headlines."

But Pitt's public hissy fit was just the latest snag in a devilishly troubled episode of filmmaking.

Sparks apparently flew on the set of "The Devil's Own," in which Pitt plays an Irish Republican Army gunman who befriends an unsuspecting Irish American cop, played by Harrison Ford.

Rumors of fighting — especially over which star would be the focus of the film — plagued the production. The original script was tossed, and there were at least seven subsequent rewrites. Pitt said the final version was a mess.

Pitt, who reportedly wanted out, was told to put his money where his mouth

was when Columbia Pictures head Mark Canton threatened the star with a \$63 million lawsuit.

"A lot of people, of course, would like to cringe and hide," says Harold Vogel, an entertainment analyst with Cowen & Co. in New York.

And after all the public fuss, Pitt blinked.

"I am not bashing the film or Mark Canton," the actor said in a statement released by his publicist Cindy Guagenti. "On the contrary, what resulted from this challenge was hard work and dedication from people I've grown to love and respect and a film I am very proud of."

He also wrote to Newsweek a week later that his criticism was only about pre-production problems and had nothing to do with his experience shooting the film or the film as a final product.

The actor's furious backpedaling was expected, says Vogel. "Usually the people involved on a film are contractually obligated to help promote the film whether they like it or not."

The movie, whose budget skyrocketed to a reported \$65 million, is due in theaters on March 26. According to Columbia Pictures, Pitt will join Ford on the talk show and advertising blitz for the new movie.

Still, Pitt's fling with rebellion — brief as it was — was cheered by those long jaded by Hollywood schmoozing.

"I admire him for daring to say what he truly felt," says Carney. "I think it's refreshing and encouraging. May many more stars steer

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## Horoscope

Sunday, March 30

With the moon in progressing Sagittarius, release your energy toward long-term goals.

Whether it's a physical or spiritual journey, you'll make strides, even at home. Getting started is easy due to the many Aries planets on your side.

Pick up the phone, get on line, or write letters to relatives. The forces are encouraging you, so get on the move!

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Friends introduce you to influential people at a social event. A Libra or Scorpio begins a romantic relationship with you. Let a child or sibling have the last word in a heated discussion about politics.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20): Your education will impress someone who helps you advance your career. An outdoor event is just the spot for a rendezvous with a Capricorn or Pisces. Pay attention to your body's signals — slow down.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 21): You may have to face a difficult situation, but you have a family member's support. Allow your love to choose the next outing or trip. Re-think an investment opportunity involving friends.

**Cancer** (June 22-July 22): Focus your attention on your physical health. Try to convince a Leo to begin a romance. An acquaintance takes you on a short trip or excursion. A close friend is in need of your advice.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): You'll sway others with your way of thinking by using your wit and charm. Use caution when entering into business with a Virgo. An honest answer to your lover's question is a step toward a new beginning.

**Today's Birthday** (March 30): In the

last hours of March, say goodbye to habits that no longer serve you. In April, you'll be bombarded by romantic offers. Cancer and Libra are your best bets. Early May is the time for career moves. Travel in late May or July leads to artistic enlightenment. June holds financial gains from past investments. Your luckiest months are May and August.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Pursue artistic and scientific lectures and events. Your love has interesting information about a close friend. Get a family member to commit to a business investment now, while the deal is hot.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): Attend a musical or theatrical event. Proceed carefully when dealing with a child's emotions. A Sagittarius may not be ready to commit fully to you, so keep your heart in check. A relative drops by to visit.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): A friend's health improves. You'll be rewarded for your generosity toward a Leo. Expand your social circle — join a community or athletic group. An unexpected gift from a Pisces could mean romance.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Music or literature brings a breakthrough in an artistic project. Change your attitude — look ahead instead of to the past. An Aries works hard to gain your forgiveness, so reciprocate.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Excel in a competitive event with a Leo's help. A prophetic dream gives you a surge of creative energy. A close friend is willing to help out in a financial jam. A Gemini phones out of the blue.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Libra's on your side in an argument. Take part in group events — you'll gain a high position. Resist wanting to get back at a close friend who has hurt you. Take time to pamper yourself.

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## Brooke Shields suddenly comes of age

Suddenly it's Brooke Shields who has defied her doubters to score a solid first season in her debut as a situation comedy actress.

Sure you can argue that NBC's half-hour "Suddenly Susan" was a setup. Even "My Mother the Car" could land big ratings sandwiched between "Seinfeld" and "ER," you say. Not so. Other series have been scheduled between two hit shows and have produced such a dip in numbers that they had to be yanked.

"Suddenly Susan" performed admirably in the ratings and drew decent reviews, both for the show and the star's comedic skill, which had been an unknown quantity.

The show went off the air Jan. 9 so NBC could launch the midseason show "The Naked Truth" in its place. But, "Suddenly Susan" returned Feb. 27, taking the 7:30 p.m. slot.

The show's storyline concerns a magazine writer who has just broken up with her longtime boyfriend and begins a solo existence for the first time in her life—no school, no parents, no romantic alliance. It's a scary but exciting world out there.

Shields may have slipped into the role of Susan so easily because the character is somewhat autobiographical.

Three years ago, Shields declared her independence from her mother, who had been her mentor and constant companion since Brooke started modeling at the age of 2. She admitted the break had been hard on her mother, but they have remained friends.

"If this wasn't a character that would continue growing, I think I would be panicked at this point. It's not terrifying, because we have only four more shows to go, and I can't believe it's over. God bless us if we can last four or five seasons."

Brooke Shields  
'Suddenly Susan'

She also dumped her management team and decided to take charge of her languishing career. In 1994 Shields took the leap to Broadway, appearing as Rizzo, leader of the Pink Ladies in a revival of "Grease." The reviews were good and helped convince NBC to give her a shot at a sitcom.

At this point in her 31 years, Shields believes in taking chances. "I think that's the only way to learn and grow," she said. "No matter how terrifying or intimidating or foreboding, it's much more of a tragedy to not try and live in a mediocre place where no effort is made."

Her thoughts as "Suddenly Susan" approaches the season's end.

"If this wasn't a character that would continue growing, I think I would be

panicked at this point. It's not terrifying, because we have only four more shows to go, and I can't believe it's over. God bless us if we can last four or five seasons. You watch characters grow; that's the great thing about it."

What has the series done to her personally?

"It's made it quite human. Instead of having at any given moment the frenzy of having to get on a plane and go here or go there, I know what my months look like. My schedule is very clear: every three weeks we have a hiatus. So I can go anywhere I want. During that time I'm unavailable."

"It's a nice, steady way of life, more relaxing."

Besides "Suddenly Susan," Shields has starred in one of the most publicized, longest-running romances of recent times—with tennis ace Andre Agassi, of course. She was asked about marriage plans.

"I would be out of my mind to release any of the details," she replied. "We're really planning on this summer, probably toward the end of summer. I could have fit in with the show. I could have had other people do all the planning and not enjoyed one second of it. I would have been cheated out of something very important."

"Once the show's over, I won't have anything to think about but the wedding."

—Associated Press

## •Devil

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us away from films that we'd be better off not seeing!"

Carney gripes that moviemaking in the '90s has become more about public relations than art.

"So you get this bizarre phenomenon that if Brad Pitt dares to utter a word that has some resemblance to reality, everyone runs scared and then he has to retract the whole thing."

But Laurence Kardish, curator for film and video at the Museum of Modern Art in New York, said Pitt's attack on his own project was risky.

"It's just not well-regarded or well-perceived by your other colleagues. One has to be very, very careful," Kardish says. "It's always the better part of wisdom to keep your mouth shut."

Yet not all stars have been so wise. Pitt joins a long line of Hollywood mavericks who have distanced themselves from their own work.

"In the past under the studio system, actresses and actors worked for the studio—they were not free

agents," says Kardish. "The fact that they are now unhappy is a modern phenomenon. Actors have very strong agents now."

Actress Mary Pickford in 1923 tried to stop the release of director Ernst Lubitsch's "Rosita" while Gloria Swanson attacked the movie "Queen Kelly" five years later.

David Lynch substituted his own name for the directorial pseudonym "Alan Smith" when his "Dune" was cut to appear on television. And Robert Towne, the Academy Award-winning screenwriter of "Chinatown," put his dog's name, P.H. Vazak, on the script of "Greystoke: The Legend of Tarzan, Lord of the Apes."

Likewise, say observers, Pitt could have easily avoided his very embarrassing public tantrum.

"There's no need to bad-mouth," Kardish says. "The most subtle form of protest is simply not appearing on a round of talk shows."

—Associated Press

## Special Olympics are the focal point of area fundraisers

Circle the dates April 5 and April 19 on your calendar to help raise funds for the Illinois Special Olympics athletes.

On Saturday, April 5, the Southern Illinois Police Chiefs Association is sponsoring a Gospel Concert, with all proceeds going to the Olympics.

The concert will be held at 7 p.m., at Full Gospel Tabernacle, 5151 North Illinois in Fairview Heights. Admission is \$7. For more information on the concert, call 397-1580.

In addition, an Illinois Special Olympics Benefit Run and Walk will be taking place in O'Fallon on Saturday, April 19.

At 9 a.m. the one mile run and walk will begin at the O'Fallon Township Building, 801 East State St. in O'Fallon. The event is sponsored by the O'Fallon Police Department and other metro area police departments.

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Funds from the two events will go toward such things as transportation, awards, and accommodations for the Olympic athletes.

For more than 20 years, members of SAVE have been participating in the Illinois Special Olympics, held from June 20-22 at Illinois State University in Bloomington-Normal this year. A qualifying round will be held May 3 at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

"It's like their big trip of the year," Kathy Denham, SAVE residential coordinator and a coach of the athletes, said of the Olympics. The athletes train throughout the year for such events as the tennis, basketball, and relay races.

"It has enhanced all of

their lives and there is a lot of very good sportsmanship. You'll see them cheering each other on," Denham said.

Denham said the Olympics officials are looking for volunteers to help with timing events, giving out lunches and helping the athletes. For more information on volunteering, call Denham at 234-1992, extension 17, or the Special Olympics office at 634-6881.

The athletes get more than just exercise out of events like Special Olympics.

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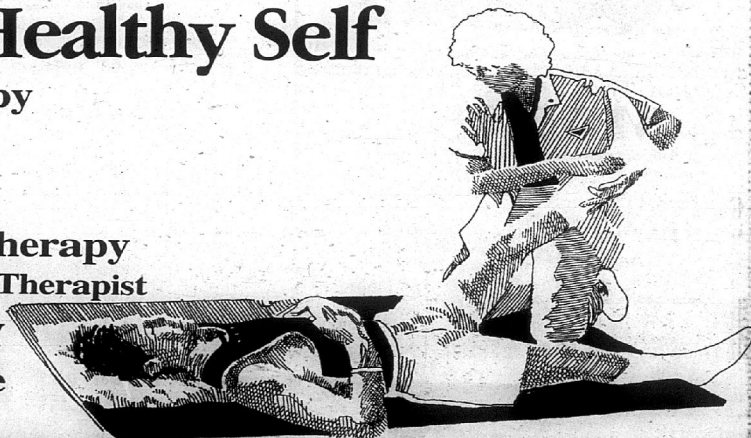
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## DeVille Concours

**Cadillac's ultimate mobile phone**



By Tom Strongman

There's something reassuring about driving a car that will call for help if you have an accident.

That's right, if you are in an accident where the air bags deploy, the car will call for help and tell the ambulance exactly where you are.

Or, more accurately, the OnStar system will summon emergency help. It is automatically activated whenever the air bags go off.

OnStar, available exclusively on 1997 Cadillacs, is more than just an emergency service. It is a full-service communications system, and the Cadillac DeVille Concours I was driving was so equipped.

OnStar integrates a Global Positioning System (GPS) into the voice-activated, hands-free cellular phone. When you press a button on the cell phone it always knows precisely where you are, even when you don't.

About 40 trained service advisers staff the OnStar center 24 hours a day, seven days a week, in Farmington Hills, Mich. They can give you route directions over the phone if you are lost, or are looking for a specific place. They also can call an ambulance or police car for you, send a tow truck, and even unlock the doors if you get locked out.

OnStar even can track your car if it is stolen.

It costs \$895 plus dealer installation and about \$22.50 per month.

OnStar is the result of collaboration between General Motors North America Operations, Delco Electronics, Hughes Electronics Corp. and Electronic Data Systems.

Lincoln and BMW offer less-comprehensive systems, but only OnStar has automatic notification in case of air bag deployment.

OnStar currently has agreements with some hotel, gas, floral and travel companies so that advisers can, for example, make reservations for you while you drive. Or direct you to a service station.

While Cadillac's research indicates many of these services have special appeal to women, 73 percent of all people surveyed expressed interest in being able to get help immediately during an emergency.

Although I did not have an experience that required the use of the service, it was comforting to know it was there if needed.

The Concours is one of my favorite Cadillacs because it has the 275-horsepower Northstar V-8, but this year it has been refined with a host of technical innovations.

One such addition is StabiliTrak, a system that uses various yaw and lateral sensors to monitor the car's direction. If the car is not following the intended path, such as fishtailing on a slippery turn, StabiliTrak applies various combinations of traction control and braking to straighten the vehicle. This complex system adds considerable peace of mind to driving in inclement weather.

A rain-sensing system automatically turns on the wipers when rain falls. Side air bags in the front of the vehicle are standard as well.

Up front, a revised grill and headlights give the Concours a slightly new look. Underneath, the body structure has been revised to lessen interior noise and give a firmer feel.

This year the Concours finally gets the interior it deserves. The instrumentation and secondary switches are now models of elegance and simplicity. The wide, flat buttons and knobs for radio and climate control are as nice as any in the industry, even if they are nearly identical to those in a Lexus.

It's interesting how the new dash and console transform the whole car, making it friendlier and easier to use.

The atmosphere is warmer because of Zebirano wood inserts and plenty of leather.

There is seating for five. I would prefer that the front bucket seats have more contouring for better lateral support, but in general they are comfortable places to sit for long drives.

The dual-overhead-camshaft (DOHC) engine, too, contributes to the Concours' overall friendliness because it is such a willing partner. Stomp on the gas and it jumps. The exhaust pipe's muted shriek is an aural delight that says this is no old person's car.

While the ride is Cadillac smooth, handling is still reasonably athletic.

because the Road Sensing Suspension adjusts rapidly to driving conditions. The Concours acquires itself reasonably on twisting roads, and absolutely excels at barreling down the interstate.

The base price of our test car was \$41,995. It was equipped with options of AM/FM stereo with compact disc player, DSP active audio, electronic compass and garage door opener.

The sticker price was \$43,952. The basic warranty is for four years or 50,000 miles.

Point: The DeVille Concours is a technical tour de force. The available OnStar system adds peace of mind and security, while StabiliTrak enhances handling and performance in all kinds of weather.

A sweet engine plus the simplified instruments make the DeVille Concours a Cadillac that appeals to all ages.

Counterpoint: A Minor styling changes for 1997 make the DeVille look more contemporary, but the styling remains traditional and conservative.

The seats could use more lateral support.

## Legislators taking aim at safety inspections

By Rick Stoff

A Missouri state senator has publicly declared state motor vehicle safety inspections "a pain in the butt" and led the Senate to pass a bill that would end them here.

It is up to the state House of Representatives to decide whether to go along with the plan. On what grounds will it base its decision?

First: Is the annual inspection truly a pain? Well, that answer probably is yes. The state inspection is a time-consuming annual ritual that ranks right up there with the trip to the dentist in glamour appeal.

Second: Should Missouri keep its inspections? (Should Illinois start such a program?) Do the inspections do any good? There is some evidence that they do bring some benefits, although it takes some statistical manipulation to figure that out. It's one of those instances in which it is difficult to prove negative causation.

It is very difficult to quantify, in terms of accident reductions, any safety countermeasure," said Mike Right of the Automobile Club of Missouri. "Missouri has one of the better state inspection programs. The rate of accidents in Missouri involving a motor vehicle defect is about half the national average."

Illinois does not require annual automobile or truck safety inspections, but Missouri, 20 other states and the District of Columbia do require them. As for Missouri's other Midwestern neighbors, only Oklahoma and Arkansas also have state safety inspection programs.

An analysis of accident reports from 1992 through 1994 by the Missouri State Highway Patrol found that vehicle defects are linked to one in every 50.2 fatal accidents nationally. During the three years studied by the patrol, accidents linked with defects resulted in 3,279 deaths.

Vehicles registered in states that require safety inspections are involved in fatal accidents at the rate of one in 60 fatal crashes. In Missouri defects are discovered in just one in 105.2 vehicles involved in fatal accidents.

The patrol acknowledges that such statistical comparisons are difficult to make, because data in the U.S. Fatal Accident Reporting System are drawn from reports filed by thousands of different law officers who may not have the training, equipment or time to complete a thorough investigation of every accident.

However, the patrol contends, those factors may downplay the actual occurrence of accidents caused by vehicle defects because some defects simply are not discovered.

The state inspections cover such mechanical features as tires, brakes, steering suspension, exhaust, headlights, turn signals, horn, mirrors, wipers and wheels. Right views the inspections as as good a deal for motorists.

"The consumer is getting a real bargain, frankly, to have all of those items inspected for \$7," he said. "If you went into a repair shop and asked to have all of those items inspected, it would conceivably cost you \$30 to \$50."

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# Haste really does make waste, especially at tax time

Here we go again. There's only one week left in the filing season, and nearly half of you still haven't filed your 1996 Federal tax returns.

Because most mistakes are made when you're in a hurry, have some tips for you to follow.

First, it's extremely important to make sure you enter the correct Social Security numbers on your tax return. In addition, this year you must have an SSN for any person born before Dec. 1, 1996 who you claim as an exemption or

as a qualifying person for the earned income tax credit or for the dependent care credit.

It's best to check the SS cards to make sure all numbers and names match the information you put on your tax return. Don't use nicknames. If a name has changed due to marriage or divorce, be sure to report the change to the Social Security Administration before using the new name on your tax return.

Second, allow enough time to complete your return, so you can sit aside and pick it up

a day or two later and recheck it.

Most common mistakes people make when they're in a hurry include math errors, picking up wrong tax from the tax tables, claiming the wrong filing status, miscalculating the earned income tax credit, entering items on the wrong line, and forgetting to attach the W-2, Wage and Tax Statement, or other necessary schedules to the return.

Every year people forget to sign their return.

Remember, if it's a joint

return, we need both signatures.

If you know you won't have all the information needed to file, and file your return by the April 15 deadline, plan to request an extension. Com-

plete and mail Form 4868, by Aug. 15 to send in your completed return. You still must estimate your tax liability on Form 4868. It's best to pay any additional tax you owe with your extension request.

If you complete your return on an extension and find you owe more, but can't pay, file anyway. The penalty for failing to file a timely tax return is 10 times greater than the penalty for failing to pay on time.

Pay as much as you can when you file your return and we'll bill you the rest. Then pay the remaining amount when you receive the bill. If you're still unable to pay the amount owed, be sure to contact us with you get the bill to make payment arrangements.

If the amount you owe is more than you can borrow from family, friends or the bank, you can request a monthly installment agreement by completing and attaching Form 9465 to your return. You'll be notified if your request is accepted. There's an additional charge for setting up an installment agreement, and penalties and interest will continue to accumulate until the tax bill is paid in full.

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If you retire during the year, you may need to have taxes withheld from your pension or make estimated tax payments quarterly. We don't want to have your retirement dampened by a large tax bill.

If you're eligible for earned income tax credit for 1996 and expect to be eligible for 1997 as well, be sure to give your employer a Form W-5, Earned Income Credit Advance Payment Certificate. That way the advance credit can be added to your pay checks throughout the year. There's no need to wait until next year to get the money you need today.

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## Movie schedules

Film timetable for Sunday, March 30. For times on other days or to confirm these times, check local theaters.

### CARMIKE PETITE

170 and Hwy. 157, Collinsville, 344-1708  
Liar Liar (PG-13) 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00  
Turbo: Power Rangers (PG) 1:10, 3:10, 5:10, 7:10, 9:10  
Jungle 2 Jungle (PG) 1:10, 3:10, 5:10, 7:10, 9:10  
Devil's Own (R) 1:00, 3:30, 7:00, 9:30

### COTTONWOOD

1075 Old One Street Road, 822-4900  
Liar Liar (PG-13) 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:50  
Vegas Vacation (PG) 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30  
Jungle 2 Jungle (PG) 1:30, 4:00, 6:45, 9:15

### EDWARDSVILLE CINEMA

Edwardsville, Ill.  
Liar Liar (PG-13) 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:50  
Vegas Vacation (PG) 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30  
Jungle 2 Jungle (PG) 1:30, 4:00, 6:45, 9:15

### LINCOLN THEATER

103 E. Main (Belleville), 233-0123  
Michael (PG) 1:45, 7:15, 9:25  
Metro (R) 1:30, 7:00, 9:20  
101 Dalmatians (G) 1:30, 7:00  
The Relic (R) 9:15

### NAMEOKI CINEMA

30 Homestead Village, 877-8630  
Scream (R) 2:15, 4:45, 7:30  
Vegas Vacation (PG) 2:00, 4:15, 7:00  
O'Fallon 15 CINE

### 1322 Central Park Dr., O'Fallon, Ill., 822-4900

Liar Liar (PG-13) 12:15, 2:15, 4:35, 7:10, 9:40  
Liar Liar (PG-13) 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:40, 9:50  
Private Parts (R) 1:10, 4:20, 7:00, 9:30  
Sling Blade (R) 2:00, 5:00, 8:00, 10:00  
Return of the Jedi (PG) 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:10  
Return of the Jedi (PG) 1:30, 4:15, 7:05, 9:55  
Cats Don't Dance (G) 1:30, 3:15, 5:00, 7:05, 9:05  
Jerry Maguire (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00  
Absolute Power (R) 1:00, 4:15, 7:15, 9:55  
Jungle 2 Jungle (PG) 12:00, 2:20, 4:35, 7:10, 9:30  
The Empire Strikes Back (PG) 12:00, 2:40, 5:00, 7:20, 9:40  
Star Wars (PG) 12:00, 2:40, 5:00, 7:20, 9:40  
Baps (PG-13) 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:00  
The Sixth Man (PG-13) 12:00, 2:20, 4:45, 7:05, 9:30  
Donnie Brasco (R) 2:00, 4:30, 7:20, 9:55

### QUAD CINEMA

Belleville, Ill.  
Liar Liar (PG-13) 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:30, 9:45  
Devil's Own (R) 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:00  
Jungle 2 Jungle (PG) 1:45, 4:30, 6:45, 9:15  
Return of the Jedi (PG) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:50  
RITZ 3 THEATER

### 403 E. Main St., Belleville, 233-3538

101 Dalmatians (G) 1:15, 4:00, 6:45, 9:20  
Beavis & Butt-Head Do America (PG-13) 2:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45  
Metro (R) 1:45, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30  
ROXANA CINEMA

### Revere, Ill., 264-8600

Dante's Peak (PG-13) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:30  
ST. CLAIR 10

### 50 Ludwig Drive, 398-8333

Rosewood (R) 1:00, 4:55, 7:50  
Love Jones (R) 12:05, 2:20, 4:40, 7:05, 9:25  
Turbo: Power Rangers (PG) 12:15, 2:35, 5:15, 7:45, 10:10  
Joshi Call (R) 2:10, 4:05, 7:10, 9:00  
Devil's Own (R) 1:55, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30  
Devil's Own (R) 1:00, 4:10, 7:00, 9:45  
Selena (PG) 1:10, 4:00, 7:30, 9:50  
Vegas Vacation (PG) 12:30, 2:40, 5:30, 7:40  
Fools Rush In (PG) 7:40, 10:00  
The English Patient (R) 1:30, 4:40, 7:50, 10:00  
Scream (R) 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 9:50

### ALTON CINE

2640 Blair St., 492-1131  
Private Parts (R) 2:00, 5:00, 7:25  
Selena (PG) 1:45, 4:30, 7:15  
AVLON

### 23 S. Kingshighway, 822-2424

101 Dalmatians (G) 2:00, 4:30  
Michael (PG) 7:00  
Beavis & Butt-Head Do America (PG-13) 9:15  
CHESTERFIELD

### 825 Chesterfield Mall, 532-0185

Absolute Power (R) 1:45, 7:10  
Private Parts (R) 1:40, 4:30, 7:25  
Baps (PG-13) 12:30, 2:50, 5:15, 7:30  
Selena (PG) 1:30, 4:20, 7:15  
Cats Don't Dance (G) 1:30, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00  
CLARKSON 6 CINE

### 1788 Clarkson Road, 822-4900

Return of the Jedi (PG) 11:30, 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:20  
Liar Liar (PG-13) 11:50, 2:10, 4:30, 7:10, 9:30  
The Sixth Man (PG-13) 11:40, 2:20, 5:10, 7:40, 10:00  
Jungle 2 Jungle (PG) 12:00, 2:30, 4:55, 7:20, 9:40  
Devil's Own (R) 12:10, 2:25, 4:40, 7:05, 9:20  
Sling Blade (R) 1:20, 4:15, 7:00, 9:40  
CRESTWOOD PLAZA 10

### 244 Crestwood Plaza, 822-4900

The Empire Strikes Back (PG) 1:30, 4:00, 7:00, 9:30  
Love Jones (R) 2:15, 4:40, 7:15, 9:40  
Scream (R) 2:15, 4:40, 7:15, 9:40  
Absolute Power (R) 1:45, 7:10  
Private Parts (R) 1:40, 4:30, 7:25  
Baps (PG-13) 12:30, 2:50, 5:15, 7:30  
Selena (PG) 1:30, 4:20, 7:15  
Cats Don't Dance (G) 1:30, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00  
CLARKSON 6 CINE

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Devil's Own (R) 12:10, 2:25, 4:40, 7:05, 9:20  
Sling Blade (R) 1:20, 4:15, 7:00, 9:40  
KERRICK 6 CINE

### 7605 Kerrick Road, 822-4900

Liar Liar (PG-13) 12:30, 2:50, 5:20, 7:45, 10:05  
Return of the Jedi (PG) 1:00, 4:05, 7:10, 10:00  
Private Parts (R) 1:30, 4:40, 7:25  
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Devil's Own (R) 11:30, 2:00, 4:50, 7:40, 10:30  
Selena (PG) 1:15, 4:10, 7:15, 10:10  
LINDBERGH 8

### 7645 S. Lindbergh, 487-0071

101 Dalmatians (G) 1:35, 4:55, 7:40  
Metro (R) 1:10, 4:30, 7:20  
Beavis & Butt-Head Do America (PG-13) 1:00, 2:55, 5:05, 7:15  
The Relic (R) 1:25, 4:50, 7:35  
The Mirror Has Two Faces (PG-13) 1:30, 4:45, 7:30  
Ransom (R) 1:05, 4:35, 7:20  
W.C. Fields (PG) 1:15, 4:40, 7:15  
Michael (PG) 1:00, 3:05, 5:15, 7:25  
MID RIVERS MALL

### 1220 Mid Rivers Dr., 278-2779

Private Parts (R) 12:15, 2:40, 5:00, 7:40, 10:10  
Liar Liar (PG-13) 12:30, 2:45, 5:15, 7:30, 9:50  
Selena (PG) 12:40, 4:15, 7:00, 9:50  
Jungle 2 Jungle (PG) 12:00, 2:25, 4:45, 7:10, 9:40  
Turbo: Power Rangers (PG) 12:20, 2:50, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30  
Return of the Jedi (PG) 12:05, 2:40, 5:20, 7:55, 10:30  
NORTHWEST PLAZA 9

### Northwest Plaza Mall, 822-4900

The Sixth Man (PG-13) 12:00, 2:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:50  
Turbo: Power Rangers (PG) 11:30, 1:45, 7:30, 9:50  
Return of the Jedi (PG) 11:30, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30  
Private Parts (R) 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:30  
Liar Liar (PG-13) 11:45, 2:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30  
NORTHWEST SQUARE 10

### 11150 Old St. Charles Road, 281-0055

Check theater for shows and times  
PLAZA CINE 4

### Troy, Mo., 528-2070

Turkey Drive, 847-1133  
Liar Liar (PG-13) 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:15  
Turbo: Power Rangers (PG) 2:00, 4:30, 7:15, 9:15  
Devil's Own (R) 2:00, 4:30, 7:15, 9:15  
Jungle 2 Jungle (PG) 2:00, 4:30, 7:15, 9:15  
REGENCY SQUARE 8

### 1005 Regency Square, 868-4800

Check theater for shows and times  
RONNIE'S 8 CINE

### Lindbergh & Baptist Church Road, 822-4900

Vegas Vacation (PG) 12:00, 4:40, 9:00  
Rush In (PG-13) 2:00, 7:10  
Baps (PG-13) 12:20, 2:40, 5:00, 7:10, 9:30  
Jungle 2 Jungle (PG) 12:00, 2:30, 5:10, 7:40, 9:40  
Devil's Own (R) 11:50, 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50  
Selena (PG) 12:40, 4:10, 7:00, 9:40  
Private Parts (R) 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00  
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Return of the Jedi (PG) 1:10, 4:05, 7:00, 9:15  
ST. ANDREWS CINEMA

### 2025 St. Andrews, 822-4900

101 Dalmatians (G) 2:00, 4:30  
Michael (PG) 7:00  
Beavis & Butt-Head Do America (PG-13) 9:15  
ST. CHARLES 10 CINE

### Hwy. 84 at Prairie Road, 822-4900

Private Parts (R) 12:15, 2:30, 5:10, 7:40, 10:00  
Return of the Jedi (PG) 12:05, 2:35, 5:05, 7:35, 10:05  
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The Empire Strikes Back (PG) 1:30, 4:20, 7:15, 9:55  
SHADY OAK CINE

### Forsyth and Hanley Road, 727-2319

The English Patient (R) 1:30, 5:00, 8:30  
VILLAGE SQUARE

### 100 Village Square Shopping Center, 885-1050

Check theater for shows and times  
WESTPORT

### 100 Westport Plaza, 822-4900

Private Parts (R) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30  
City Heat (R) 1:30, 4:50  
Harriet (PG-13) 9:30  
By now, many of you have filed your 1996 Federal tax return and are patiently waiting for your refund. Check me tell you how you can get your refund faster. And for people who haven't yet filed, I have information that can help you get their refunds directly deposited into their bank accounts. Generally, you should receive your refund within six weeks from the date your return is filed. The amount of time varies based on how fast you used to file your return and how early you filed. For example, if you file a paper return in February, you'll usually receive your refund in about five weeks. If you file a computer-generated return, it usually takes about two weeks to process your return, and it takes about one week to process your refund. But if you file in April, the heaviest

## Some error prevention tips:

I'm sure each of you is familiar with the adage "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

When it comes to our health, home and ahead of the game. But we sometimes forget the same rule also applies to taxes.

Here are a few suggestions that should help prevent future tax problems:

Set up a tax file now. Use whatever system works best for you, but at a minimum you should have one place where you keep all of your tax records pertaining to a certain year.

File receipts and records as soon as you get them. This is particularly important for one-time things, such as additional income from gambling winnings.

Keep a list of the employers you had during the year. If you quit a job, keep that last pay stub. People with numerous employers can inadvertently exclude an income source on their returns. This could result in expensive penalties and interest charges.

Keep your pay stubs. They're helpful in reconstructing your income and tax withholding. If you have a problem getting your Form W-2, Wage and Tax Statement, from a former employer.

If you bank for a child or dependent adult, be sure their Social Security number appears first on the account. Otherwise, their interest income may show up on your tax account.

Keep your tax records for at least three years after filing a return or two years after the tax is paid, whichever ever is later. You should keep major financial records indefinitely, such as those for the sale or purchase of a home.

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## Self-employed taxpayers often have complications

Tax issues facing people who are in business for themselves are usually more complicated than those the taxpayer with only wages has to deal with.

I have some tips for those of you who are self-employed.

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) considers a self-employed person if you carry on a trade or business as a sole proprietor, as an independent contractor or a member of a partnership, or are in business for yourself in any other way.

Generally, anyone who carries on a trade or business and is not an employee will have self-employment tax.

You must file a tax return if your net earnings from self-employment are \$400 or more. This rule applies regardless of your age. You're also subject to self-employment tax if you're 18 or older and your net earnings are comparable to the Social Security (12.4 percent) and Medicare (2.9 percent) taxes withheld from an employee's wages.

Schedule C, Profit or Loss From Business, is used to determine the net self-employment income from a proprietorship. If you have business expenses of \$250 or less, you can use Schedule SE, Self-Employment Tax, to figure your self-employment

tax. Schedule E is attached to Form 1041.

For 1996, no more than \$62,700 of your combined wages, tips and net self-employment earnings is subject to any combination of the 12.4 percent Social Security tax or the 2.9 percent Medicare tax.

Self-employed taxpayers may also be required to pay estimated tax.

Take a look at the Schedule C to get an example of the type of expenses you may be entitled to deduct. Business expenses include advertising, entertainment, insurance, car or truck expenses, pensions or profit-sharing plans, depreciation, office expenses, utilities and travel. Just a reminder: You must keep receipts for entertainment, gifts or other items that cost \$75 or more.

Additionally, if you use part of your home exclusively and regularly as the principal place of business or as a place where you meet or deal with patients, clients, or customers in your business, you can deduct the expenses for the part of your home used for the business.

Also, you may be allowed to deduct expenses for use of part of your home as a day-care

facility or as a place to store inventory you sell in your business. If that part of your home is sometimes used for personal purposes, Form 8829 is used to figure your deduction.

If you are self-employed, whether on a full-time basis or as an additional part-time job, it's important to keep good records. The IRS offers workshops, in conjunction with the Illinois Department of Revenue, Social Security Administration and Illinois Department of Employment Security, that are designed for small businesses. If you are just starting out in business, it would be a good idea to attend one of these Small Business Tax Workshops. Call 312-886-7892 to locate one.

The IRS has several publications that may be helpful to you. Publication 334, Tax Guide for Small Business, covers many areas. You can also order that cost \$75 or more. Topics like depreciation, check the IRS Home page on the Internet at <http://www.irs-u.s.gov> or call 1-800-829-3676 to have them sent directly to your home. The best time to call is early in the morning (7:30 a.m.) and later in the week.

This article was written by Robert W. Brock, IRS district director.

## File Refunds can be speeded up

By now, many of you have filed your 1996 Federal tax return and are patiently waiting for your refund.

Check me tell you how you can get your refund faster. And for people who haven't yet filed, I have information that can help you get their refunds directly deposited into their bank accounts.

Generally, you should receive your refund within six weeks from the date your return is filed. The amount of time varies based on how fast you used to file your return and how early you filed.

For example, if you file a paper return in February, you'll usually receive your refund in about five weeks. If you file a computer-generated return, it usually takes about two weeks to process your return, and it takes about one week to process your refund. But if you file in April, the heaviest

If you filed a paper return this year, next



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# Summer job applications now available

Applications are now being accepted for summer jobs for economically disadvantaged youth through the Summer Youth Employment and Training Program.

The program is federally-funded through the Job Training Partnership Act and administered in five counties by the St. Clair County Intergovernmental Grants Department. Other counties included in the program are Clinton, Monroe, Randolph and Washington.

The summer jobs are available for 800 economically disadvantaged youths between the ages of 16 and 21, living within the five county area.

Those participating in the program will work at such places as local government agencies, schools, community-based organizations, and private and public

non-profit agencies.

"The program will again build on the strategy undertaken last year that combined work and learning," St. Clair County Board Chairman John Baricevic said.

Those eligible for the program will receive about 300 hours of work during a 10-week period, at a wage of \$5.15 per hour. The program runs from June 9 to Aug. 15. Those in the program will be monitored by supervisors from the grants department, Employment and Training Division Manager Steve Schneider said.

"We've got a lot of people out in the work force for the first time. It's a learning experience," he said.

Schneider said youths in the program are matched with their site based on several factors, including previous

experience and the availability of transportation.

"It's something that is beneficial for a lot of people," Schneider said.

Applications for the Summer Youth Employment and Training Program can be picked up at:

—Belleville Employment and Training Center, 4519 West Main St., Belleville; phone number is 236-0680.

—East St. Louis Employment and Training Center, 646 N. 20th St., East St. Louis; phone number is 875-4537.

—Clinton County Employment and Training Center, 1072 Fairfax, Carlyle; phone number is 594-4520.

—Monroe County Employment and Training Center, 100 South Main, Room 19, Waterloo; phone number is 839-3332.

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questions. After you enter the requested information, you'll receive a message telling you the status of your return. The message can range from: Your return has been received, to, There's a problem, and you should call our assistance lines; to, the date your refund will be issued. Refund information is updated once a week, so please wait seven days before calling again.

I'm often asked why people have to wait eight weeks before calling to check on their refund. Let me explain.

The Kansas City Service Center, where the federal tax returns filed by Illinois taxpayers are processed, receives more than 12 million returns during the filing season. The service center receives about 800,000 returns each week in February and more than 1,000,000 returns each week during March. Nearly half of all tax returns arrive during April.

During the last week of the filing season, nearly 4,000,000 returns arrive, one semi-truck after another unloads continuously all day, every day. As you can imagine, it takes a while to process all those returns.

If you move, be sure to complete a post office change-of-address card so your refund check can be forwarded. Also, notify the IRS of your change of address by sending in Form 8822, Change of Address.

If your refund check is returned as undeliverable, we can replace it in six to eight weeks. However, if your check is stolen and cashed, it could take as long as a year to complete the investigation and issue a new check.

The best way to avoid the problem of lost or stolen refund checks, and to speed up a refund, is to request that your refund be directly deposited into your bank account.

No matter how you file, it's easier this year to select Direct Deposit. Just check that option on your return and provide the necessary information. There's no extra form to fill out, no trip to the bank, no risk of a lost or stolen check, and best of all, you get your money a week sooner.

And just a note for tax planners. If you filed a paper return this year, next year you might want to consider one of the faster methods — by telephone or computer.

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## Bowlers raise money for children

ALTON — One of the people bowling to raise money for the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program knows firsthand the value of the program.

Jennifer Sebald said the girls she has been paired with are products of single-parent families in which the mother works.

"I couldn't imagine growing up without having two people there for me," said Jennifer Sebald in explaining how she got involved with the program.

She paused between frames Sunday at the packed Bowl Haven lanes on Humbert Road to tell about the program she was helping.

Sebald, 25, of Alton, has been a "big sis" to two teen-agers and has developed a warm relationship with both.

Her current little sister is 12 and calls for advice on how to handle life, Sebald said.

"We discuss boyfriend problems. She asks, 'Which one do I pick?'"

She said the two do all kinds of things together.

"Sometimes we just hang out or do homework," said Sebald, a student at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, where she is studying to be a high school teacher.

The girls are normal but need a little extra attention, she said.

"They just need a strong role model," she said.

"A lot of people think that for kids to be involved in the program, there has to be something wrong with them, but that's not the case."

Sebald said she enjoys the program and gets a lot out of it.

"It's like having another friend. It's something I can do that makes me feel good," she

said.

Barbara Cempura, the executive director of Big Brothers-Big Sisters of Southwestern Illinois, said the Sunday Bowl for Kids' Sake at Bowl Haven was a big success.

She said more than 120 people showed up to bowl and raised \$20,000 for the organization.

The turnout was the result of a vigorous promotion, she said.

"We called a lot of people and businesses," Cempura said.

Cempura said the money goes for screening volunteers, matching the volunteers with young people and similar administrative functions.

Bowlers obtained pledges, either at a flat rate or for a certain amount for every pin they knocked down.

The organization was founded in 1980 and has helped form more than 1,200

one-to-one relationships between at-risk children and responsible adult role models.

The adult volunteers are carefully screened, trained and supervised by the agency and serve as mentors, friends and positive examples to children living in one-parent homes.

Ronda Wiegand of Brighton was the big-money raiser for Sunday's event, bringing in \$1,120.

Wiegand, who works for State Farm Insurance Co., said she got pledges from other agents, co-workers and from state headquarters in Bloomington.

In addition to the 48 who pledged set amounts, two donors pledged a total of 30 cents a pin. Wiegand bowled a 120 then fell to 83 in the next game.

—From The Telegraph.

## BAC offers advocate linking

Belleville Area College is offering the Personal Advocate Linking Service, a new student support program.

Sponsored by the school's Center for Training, Innovations and Career Placement Center, PALS smooths the college process by referring students to the proper department or division for any given situation and troubleshooting for students if they run into red tape. Services include everything from providing assistance with financial aid and other forms, to making appointments with counselors, accompanying students to help resolve problems and assisting new students as they enroll in BAC.

PALS is funded by a special initiative grant from the state of Illinois. Although the program's services are available to all BAC students, PALS mainly targets students who receive financial aid in the form of Pell Grants.

"It's a great service," said BAC student Robert Middendorf. "PALS has taken an interest in me personally. More people should take advantage of this free service while at BAC."

Besides acting as a guide, another underlying mission of the PALS program is to ensure that new and at-risk students stay enrolled in college. Administrators hope to achieve this by emphasizing career success, helping students to get jobs related to their areas of study, providing relevant workshops and providing access to the Career Center's Alumni Mentor Program.

For more information, contact the PALS program by calling (800)BAC-5131, Ext. 558, or 235-2700, Ext. 558.

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Lake St. Louis, MO



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November 14, 1986  
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Minnie & Carl Cunningham  
1987  
St. Andrew's Church  
St. Louis, MO



Russ & Sandra Meyer  
March 21, 1986  
St. John's United Church of Christ  
St. Charles, MO



Joseph & Sophia Stuenkel  
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Chicago, IL



Bill & Karen Choate  
December 19, 1986  
First Presbyterian Church  
St. Louis, MO



Sharon & Debbie Douglas  
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